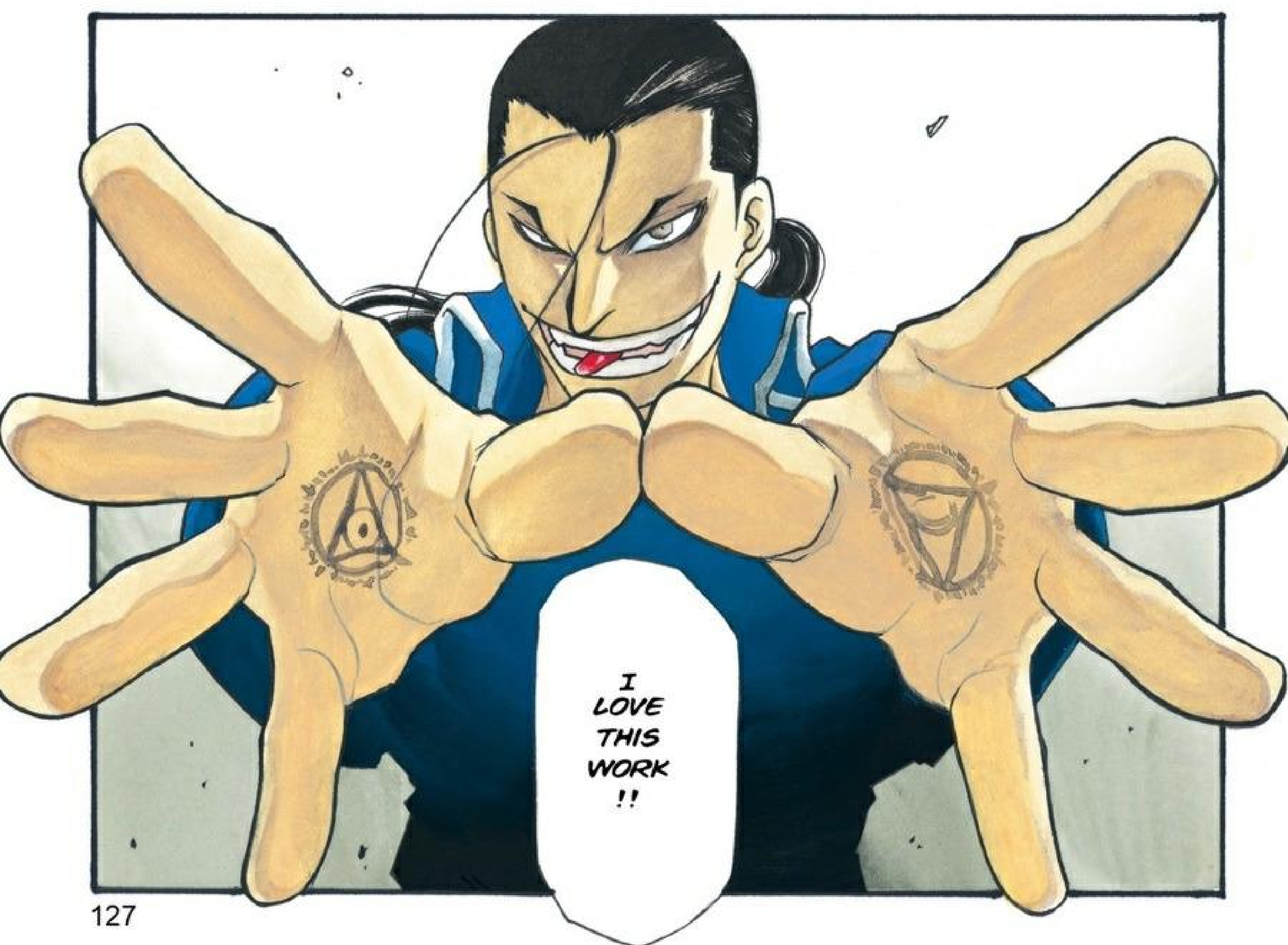
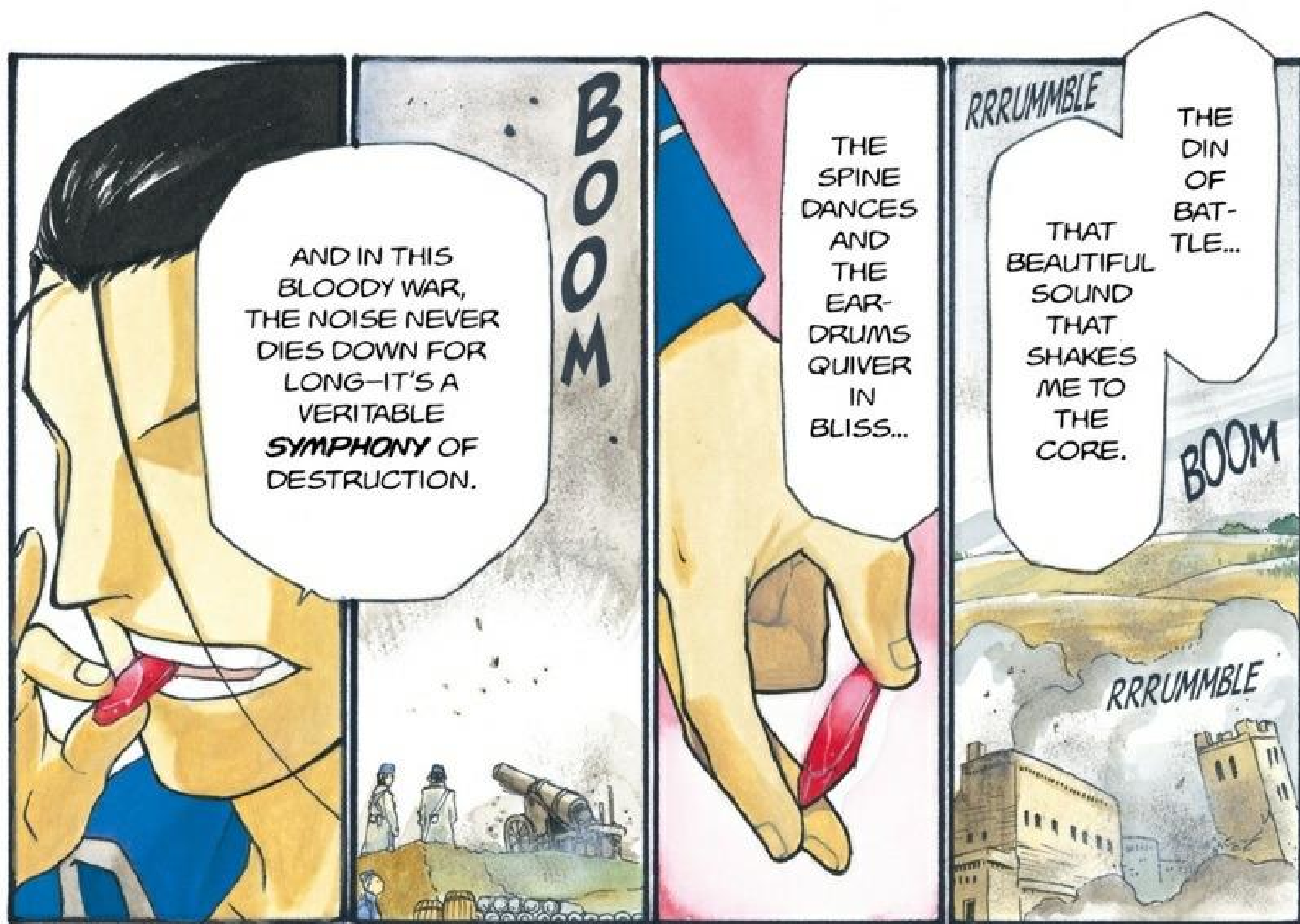
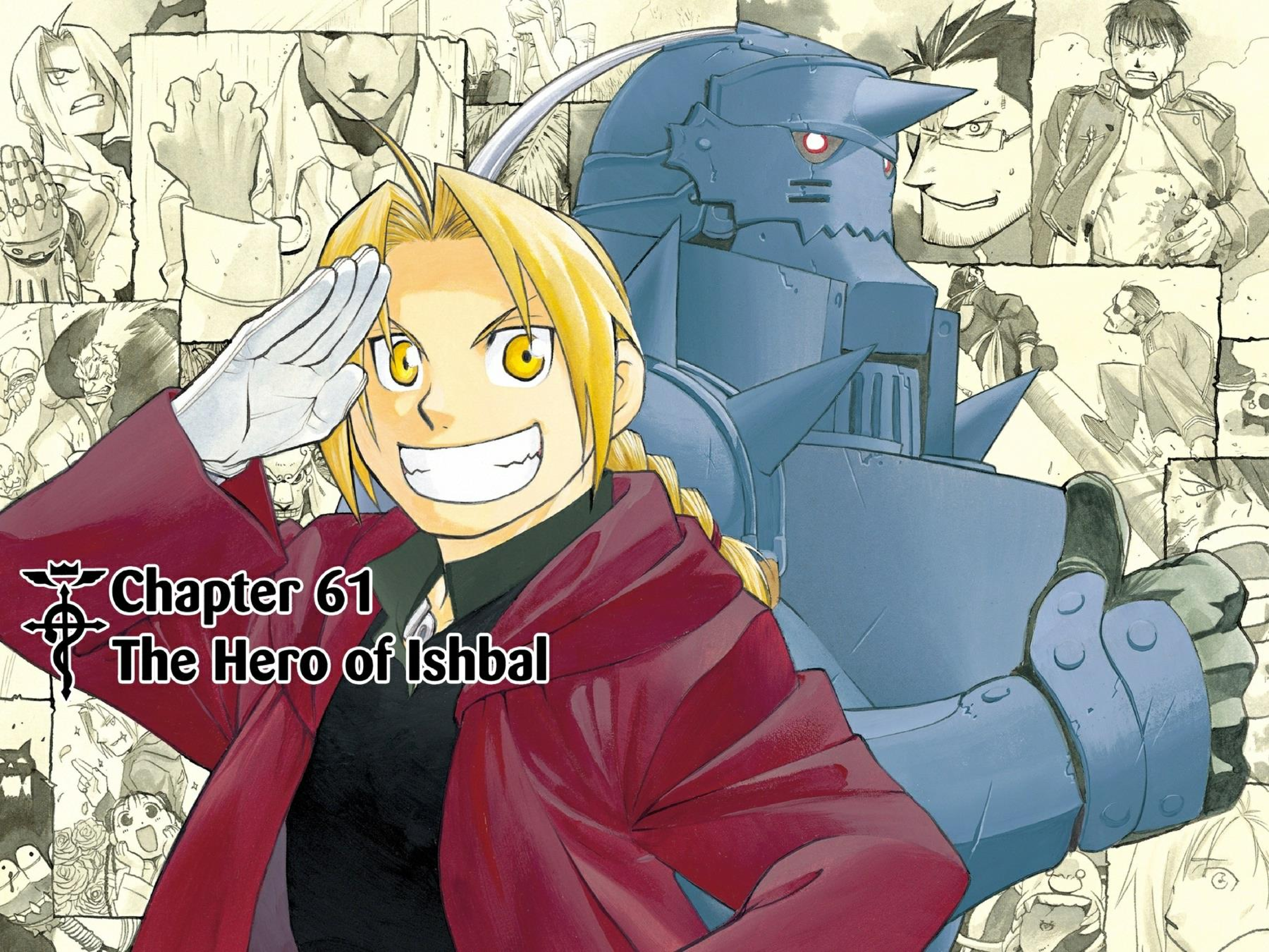




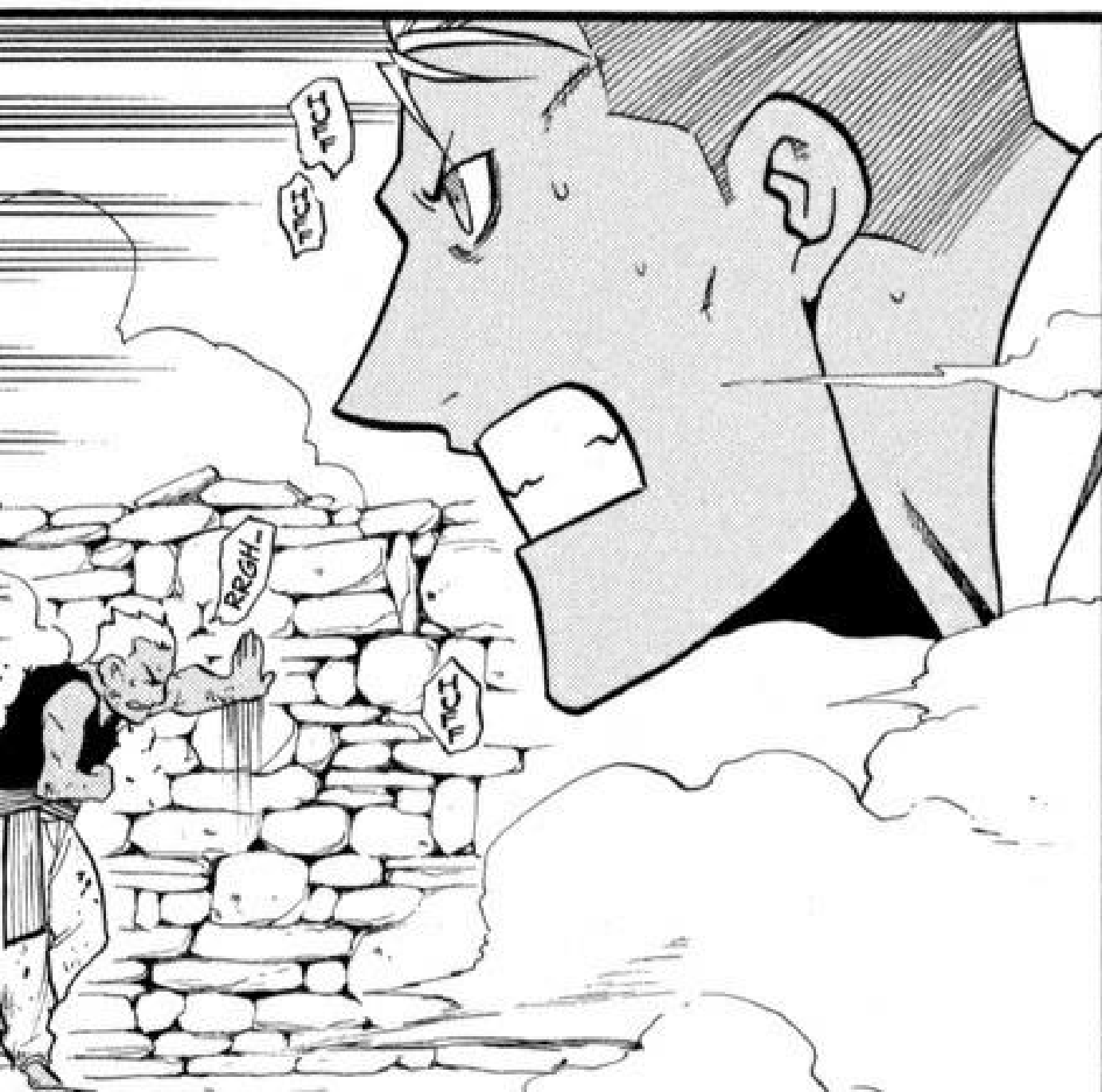


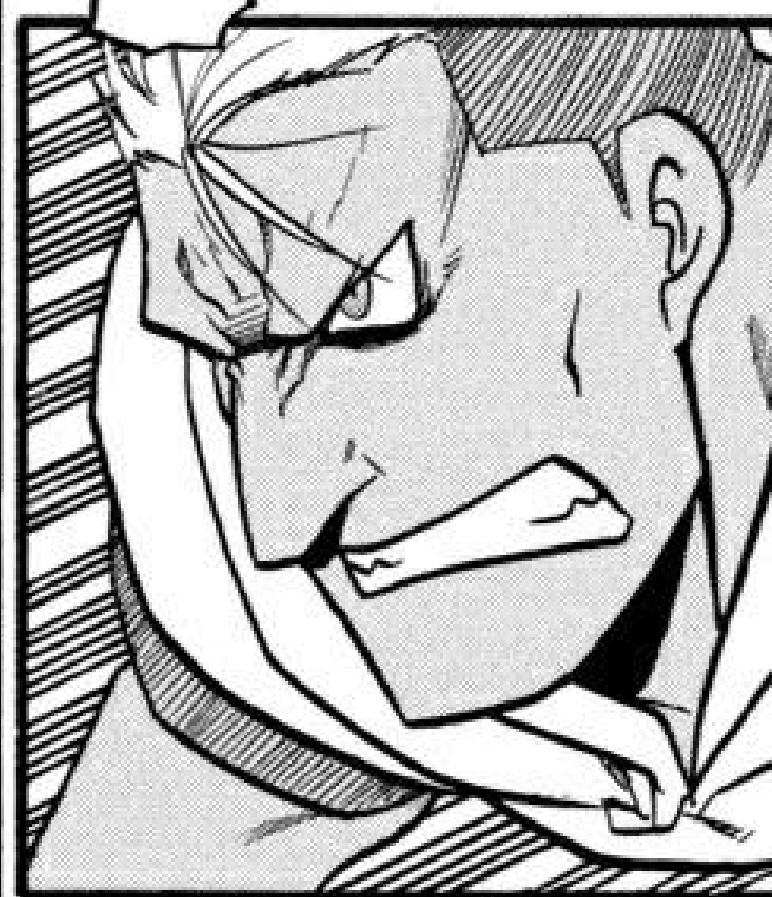
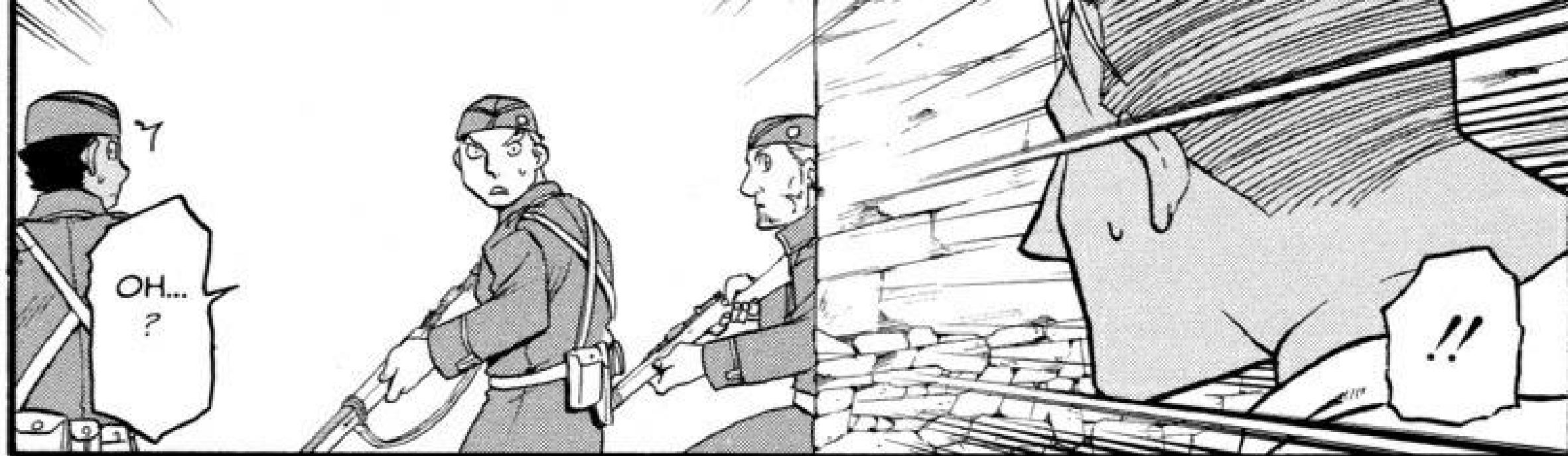
 Chapter 61
The Hero of Ishbal



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST











HEY.

IF WE STAY TOGETHER, THEY COULD MOW US ALL DOWN WITH ONE BLAST.

SHOULD WE SPLIT UP?

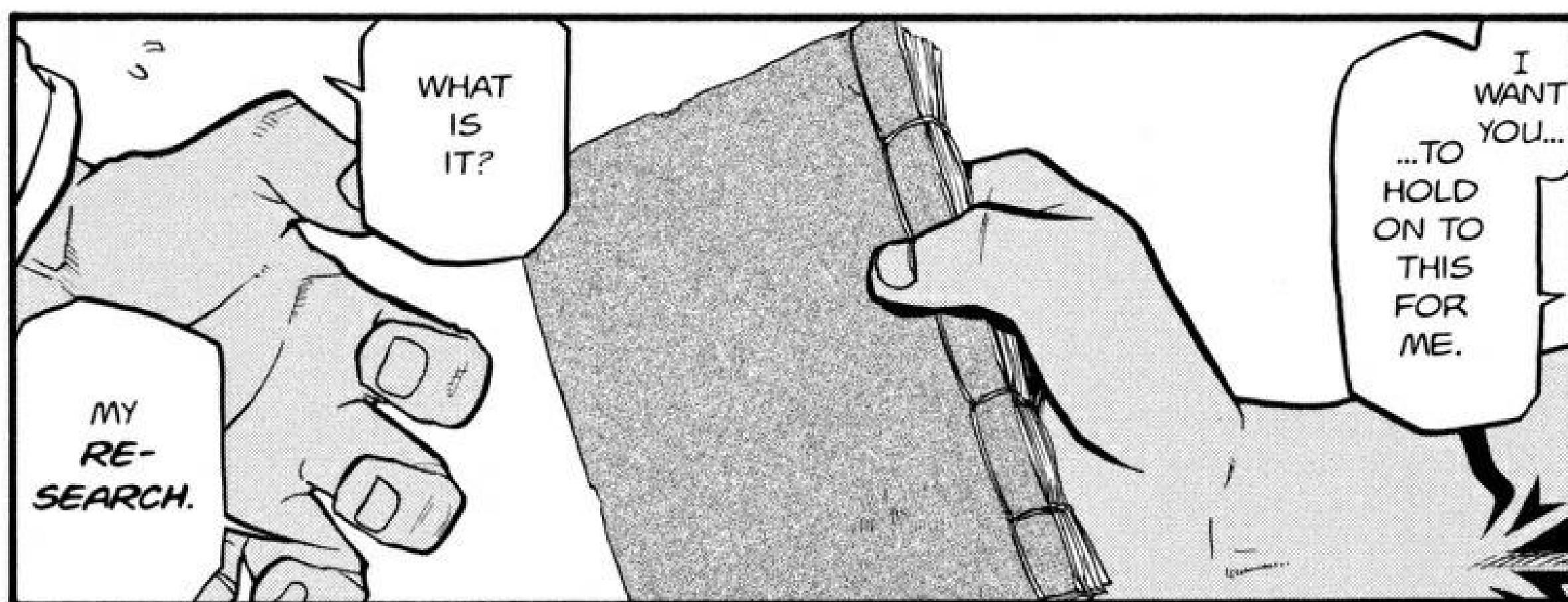
...OUR FAMILY BE DIVIDED!

NO! I WON'T LET...



RRGH!
IF THEY WERE ORDINARY SOLDIERS, I COULD TAKE CARE OF 20 OR 30 OF THEM, BUT AGAINST AN ALCHEMIST...

I HEAR THEY HAVE A STATE ALCHEMIST LEADING THE ATTACK!



WHAT IS IT?

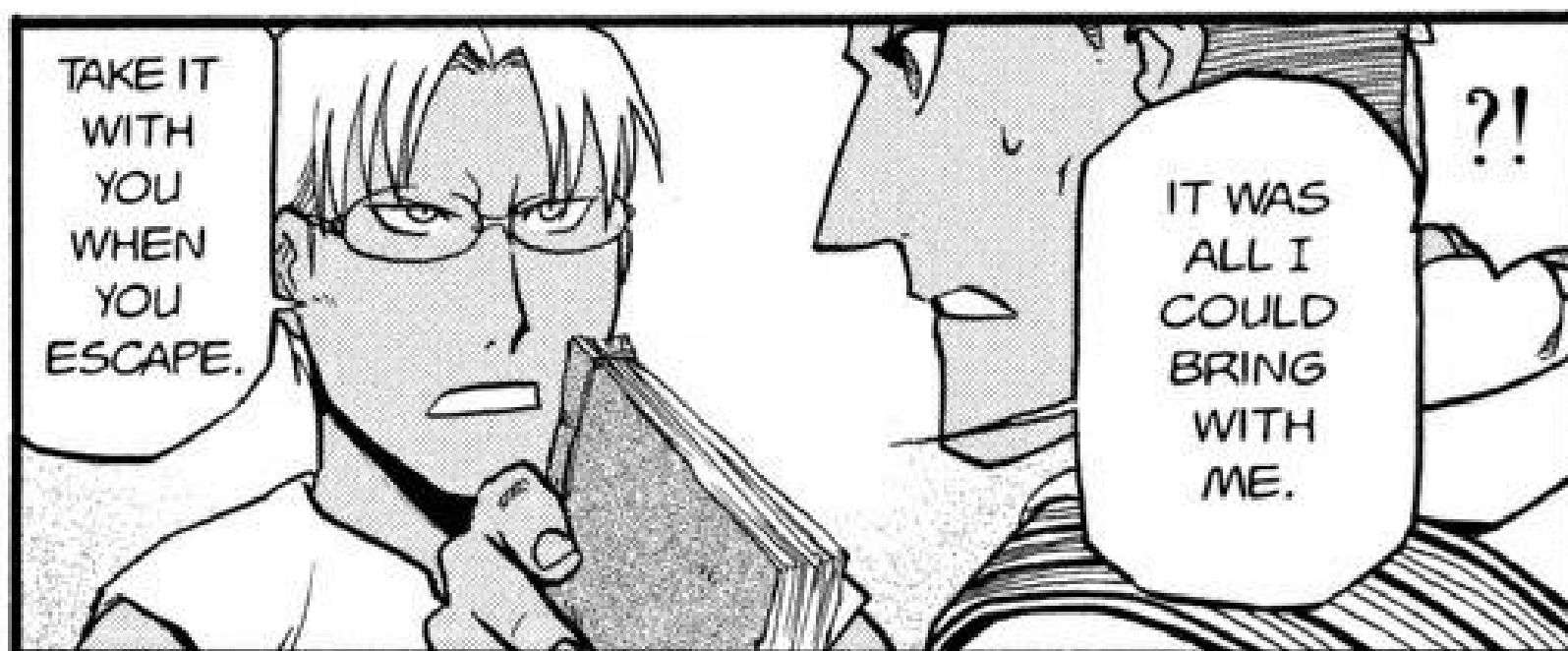
MY RE-SEARCH.

I WANT YOU...
...TO HOLD ON TO THIS FOR ME.



WHY DON'T YOU HOLD ON TO IT YOUR-SELF!?

LET'S BE REALISTIC. YOU'RE A HIGHLY-SKILLED WARRIOR. I'M JUST A BOOK-WORM.



TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU ESCAPE.

IT WAS ALL I COULD BRING WITH ME.

?!



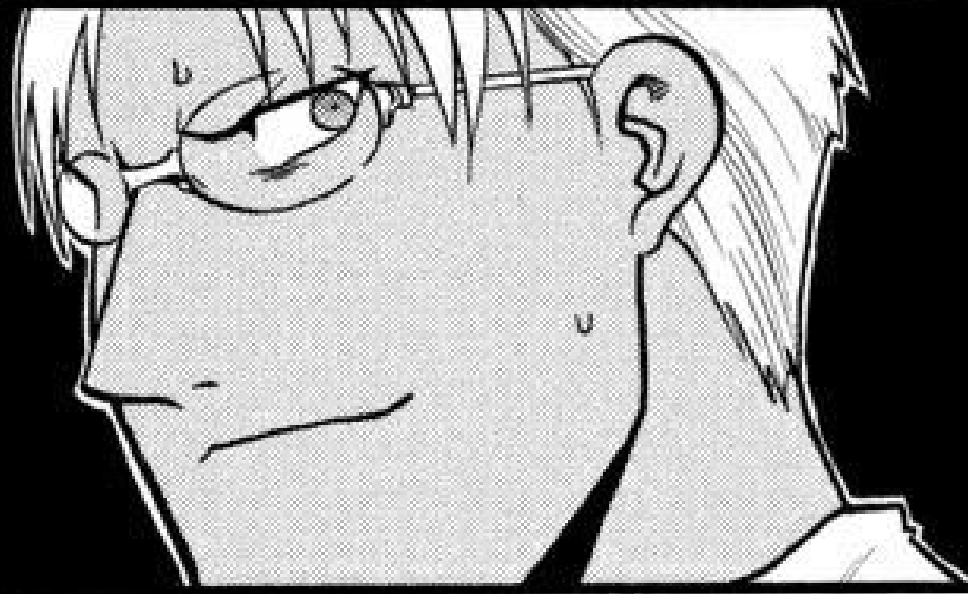
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, THEN ALL OF MY RESEARCH WILL HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.

HEY!

FWAP

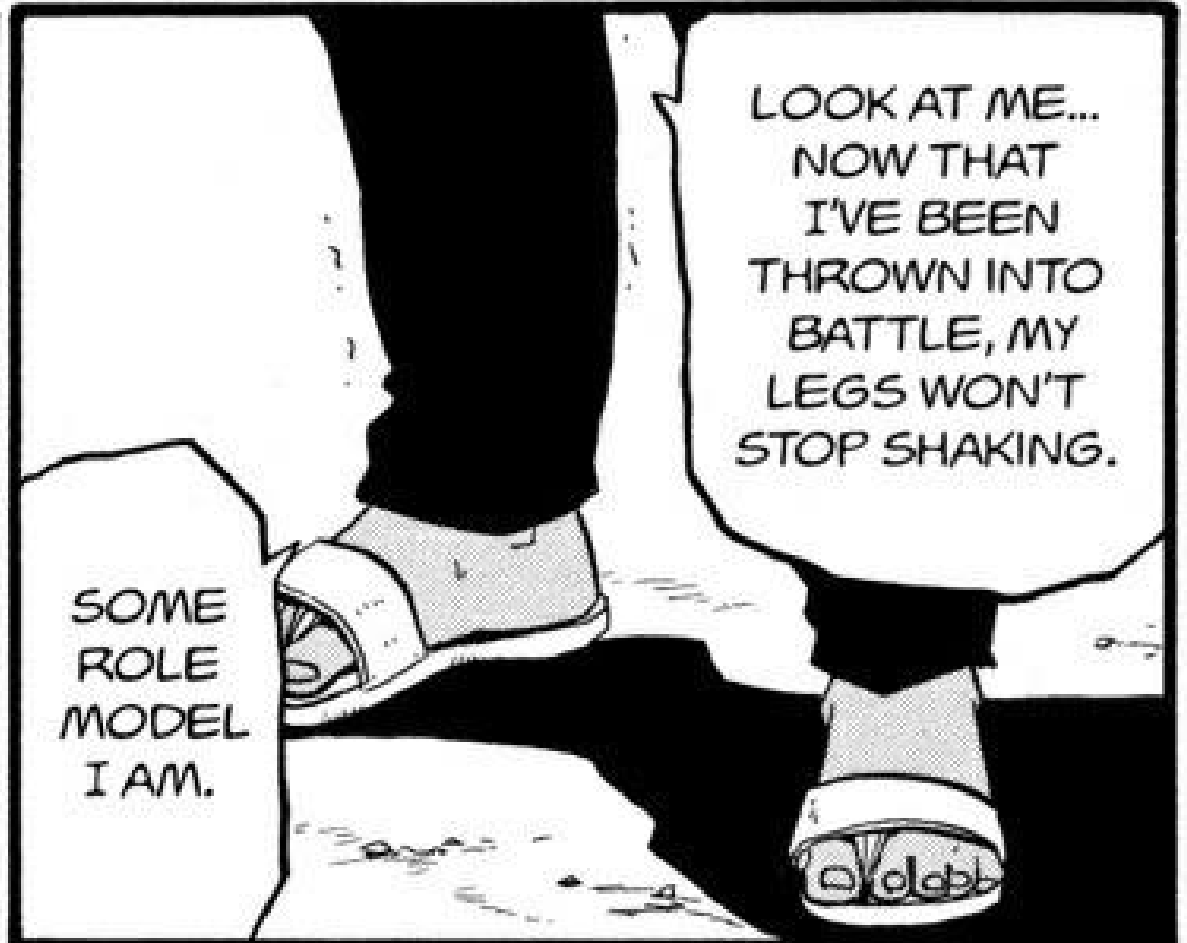
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU--

WHO DO YOU
THINK IS MORE
LIKELY TO
WALK OUT OF
HERE ALIVE?



SOME
ROLE
MODEL
I AM.

LOOK AT ME...
NOW THAT
I'VE BEEN
THROWN INTO
BATTLE, MY
LEGS WON'T
STOP SHAKING.



BIG
BRO-
THER...









THE
PHILOS-
OPHER'S
STONE
IS
TRULY
AMAZING
!!

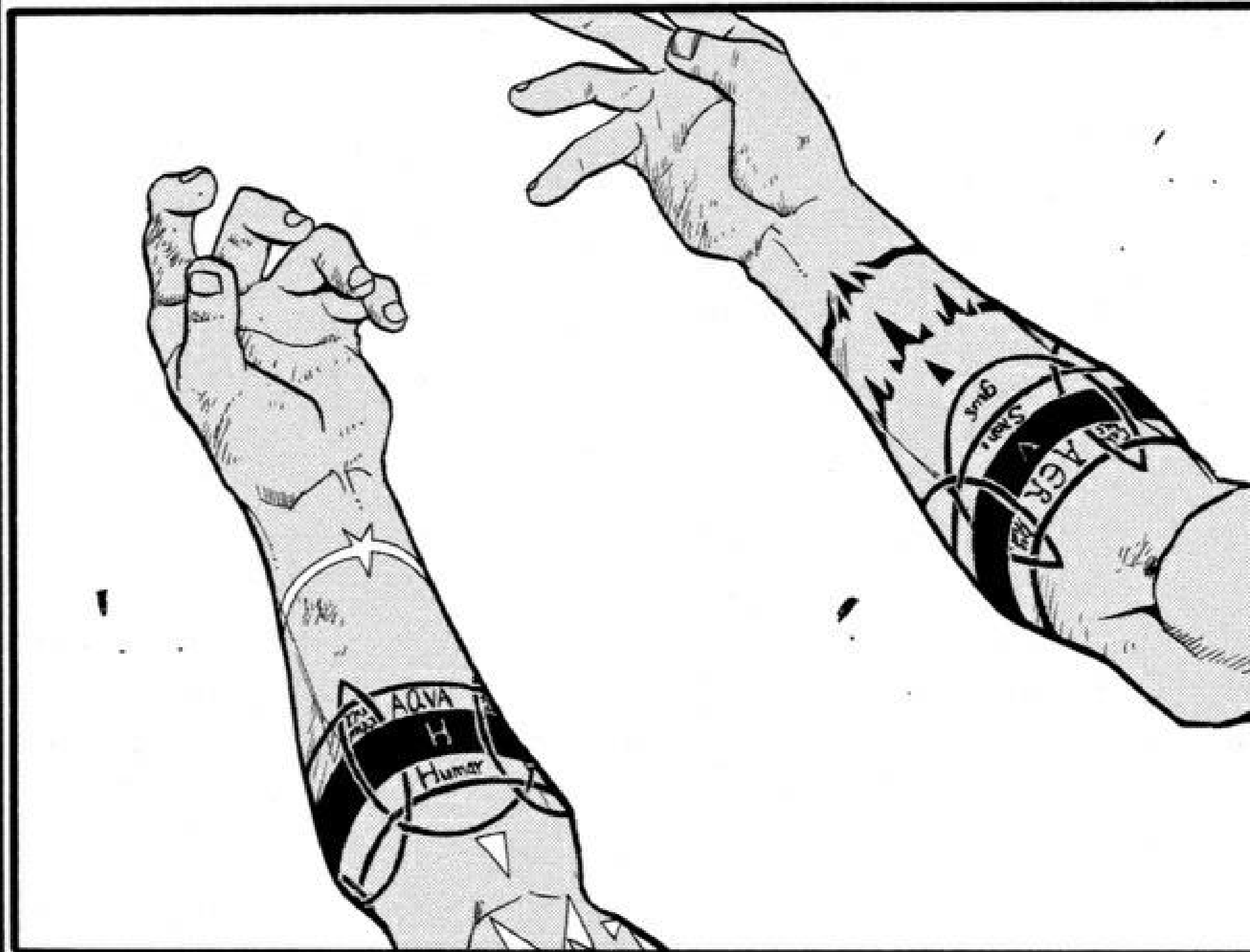
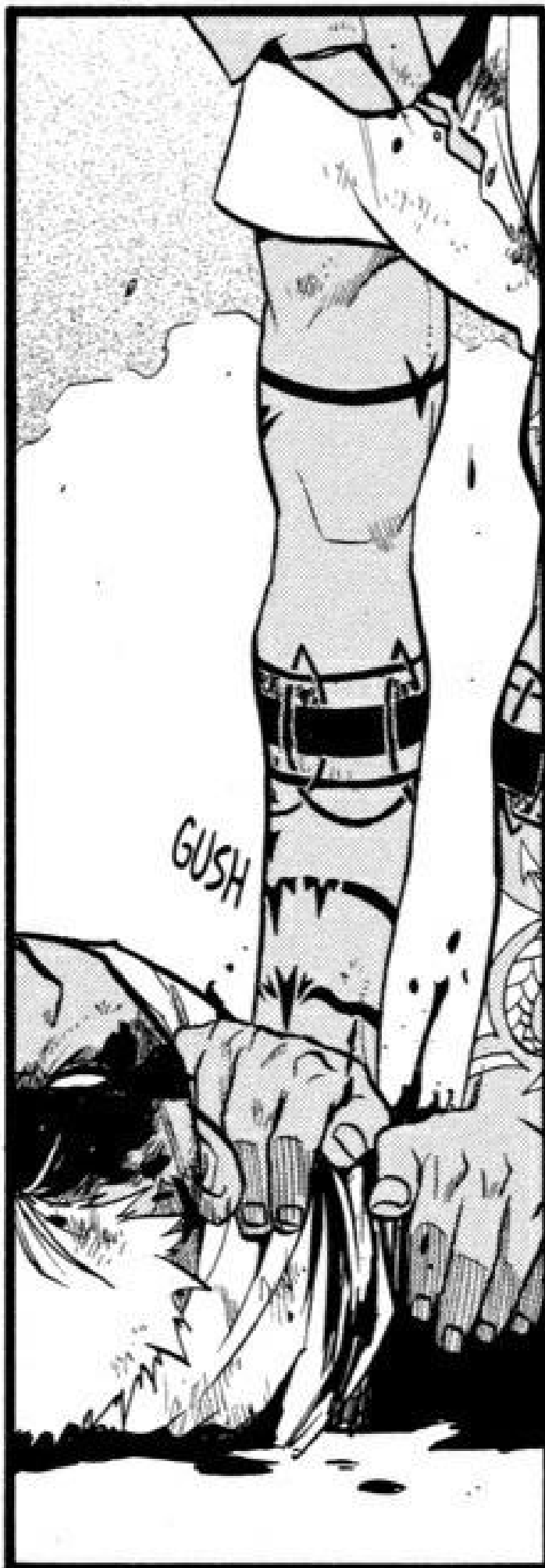
AMAZ-
ING
!



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SOUND!!!







NO!!
I
WANT
TO
FIGHT
!!

I'LL
SHOW
THEM
THE
RE-
SOLVE
OF
ISHBAL
!!

YOU
HAVE TO
ESCAPE!!
I DIDN'T
GIVE YOU
MEDICAL
TREAT-
MENT
JUST
TO LET
YOU
DIE!!

IF YOU
DON'T
HURRY,
YOUR
ESCAPE
ROUTE
WILL BE
CUT
OFF!!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
DOC-
TOR
!?

BIG
BRO-
THER..







WHAT IS THIS...!!



RRR...



NNNG

GGH...

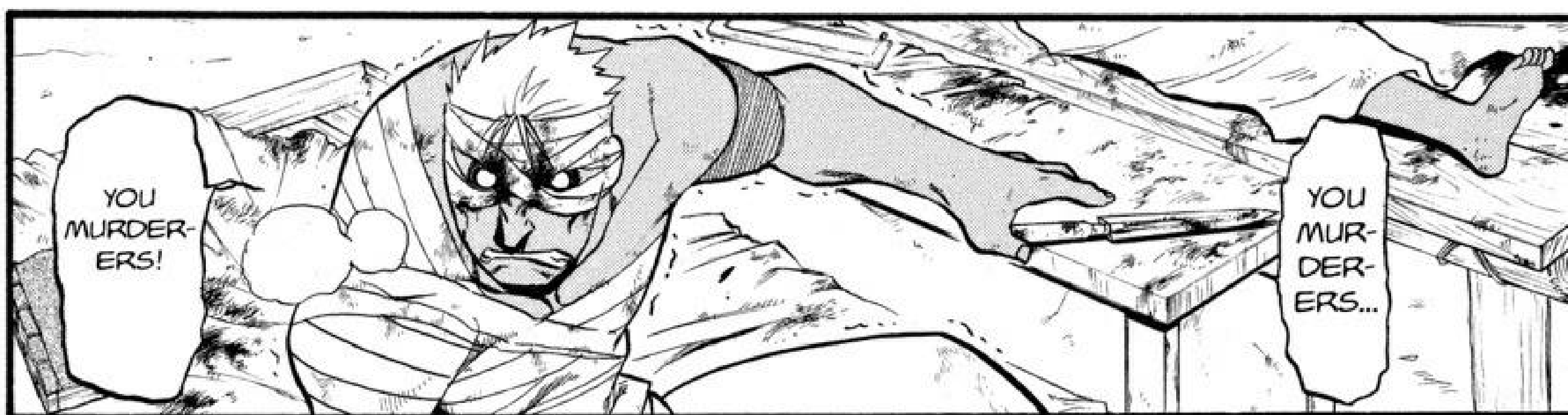


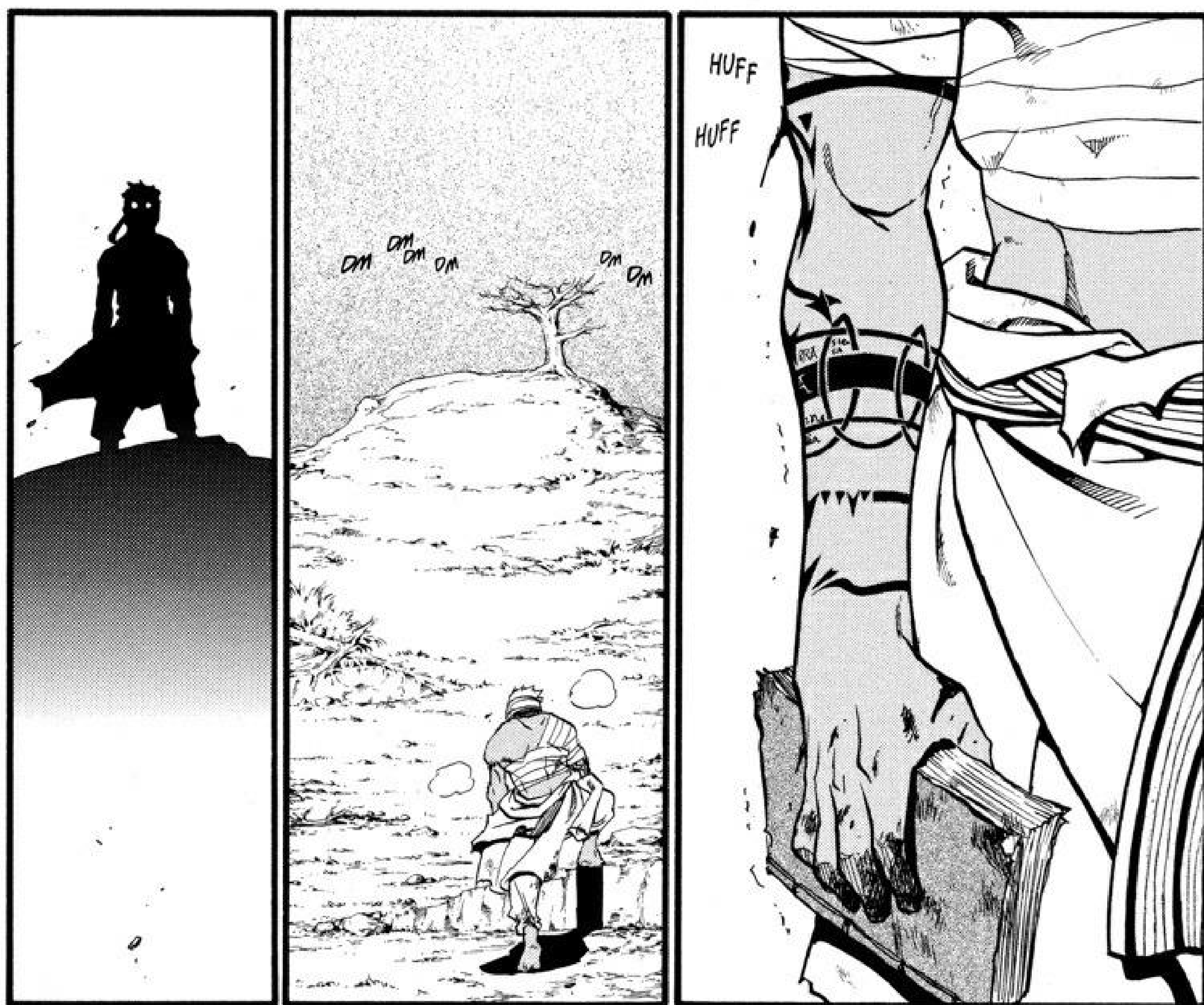
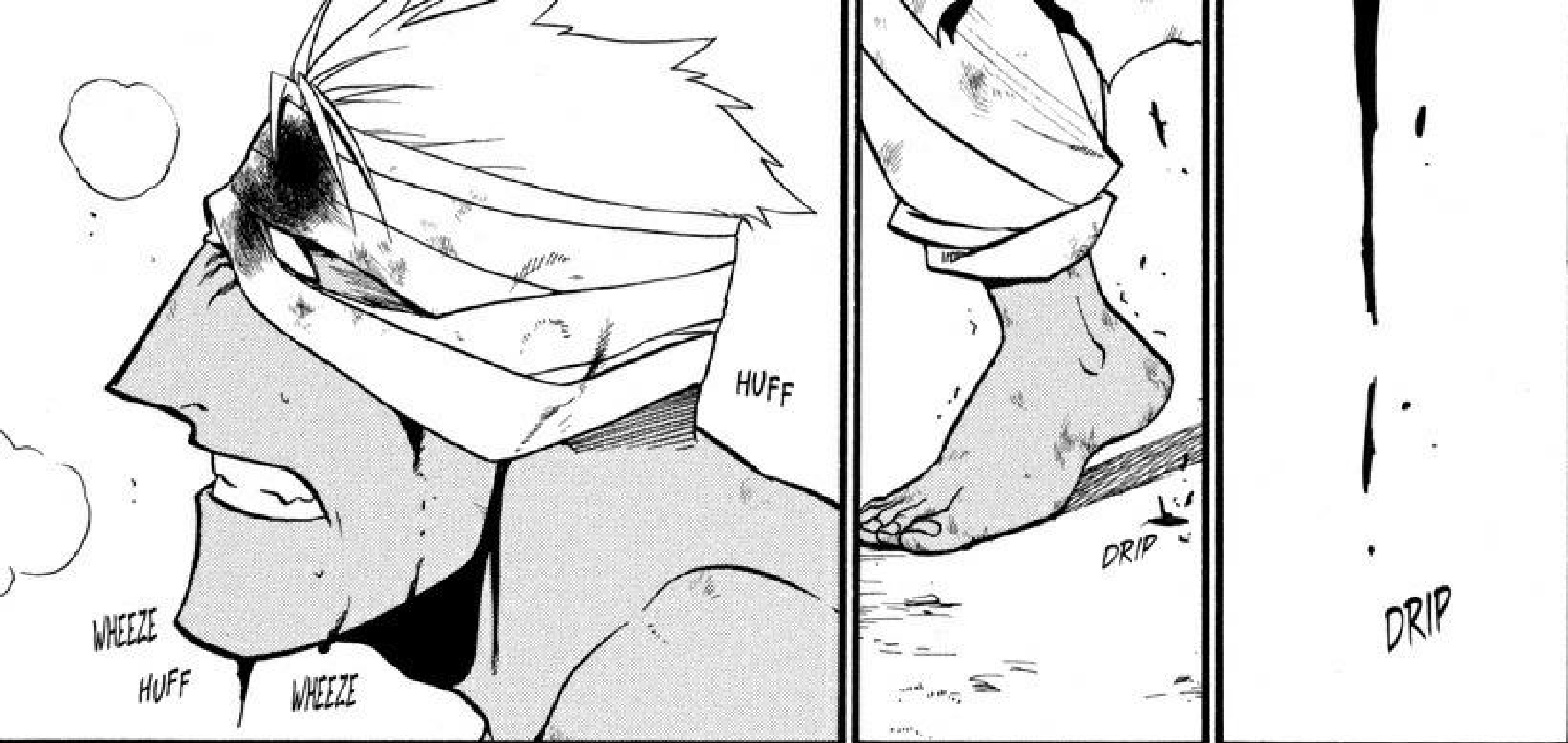
AA
AA
AH!



GIVE HIM A SEDATIVE !!

THERE ISN'T ANY MORE!
WE USED IT ALL UP ON THE LAST PATIENT.





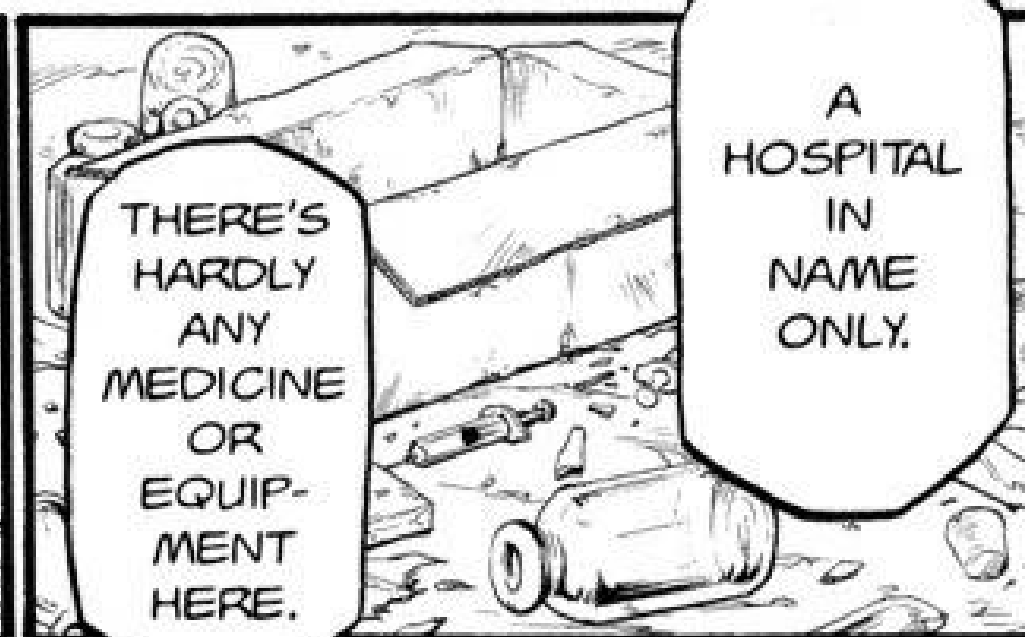




THIS IS IT?



MAJOR KIMBLEE!



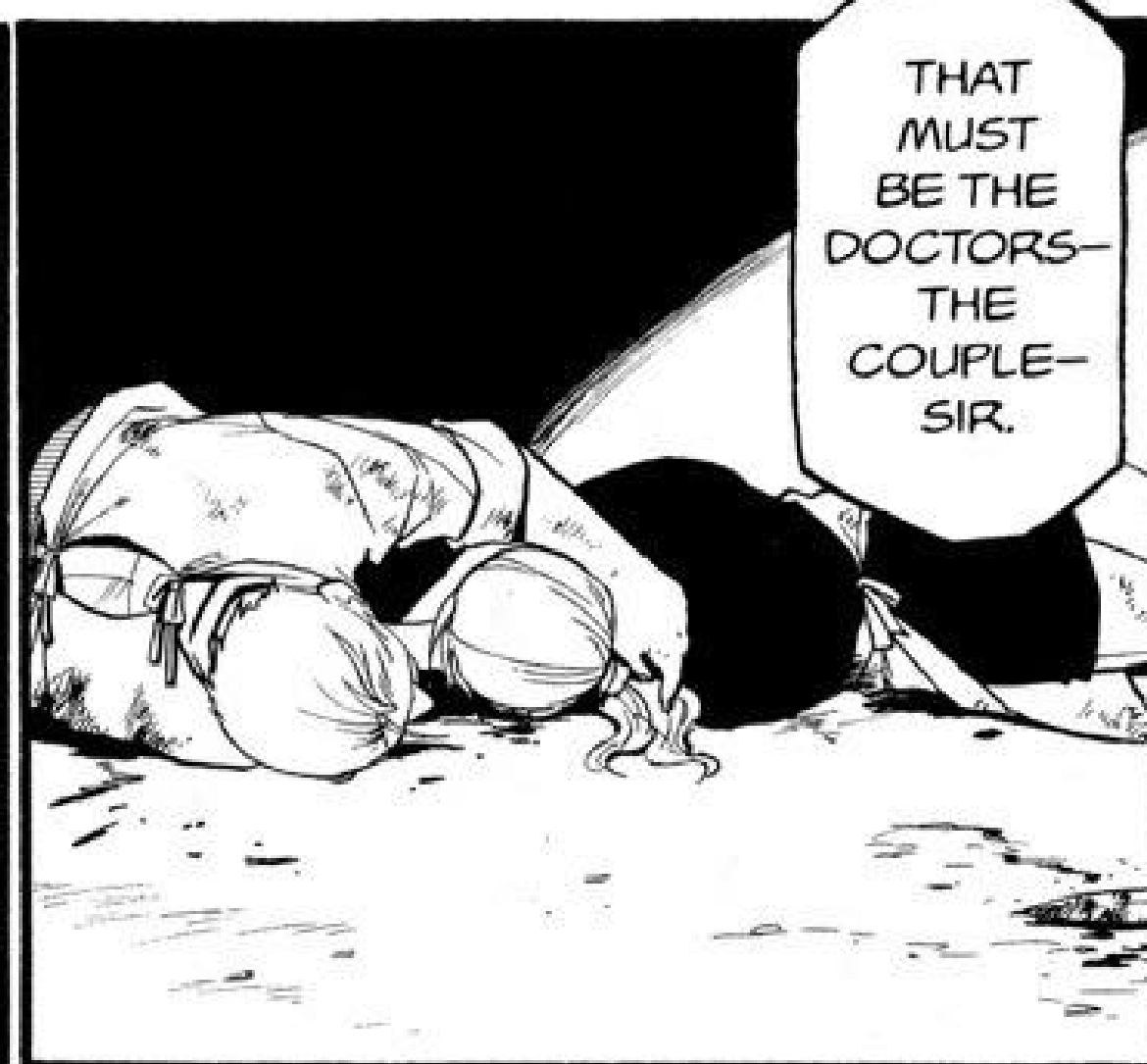
THERE'S HARDLY ANY MEDICINE OR EQUIPMENT HERE.

A HOSPITAL IN NAME ONLY.



THEY WERE ALREADY DEAD WHEN WE ARRIVED.

THE ISHBALANS MUST HAVE KILLED THEM, SIR.

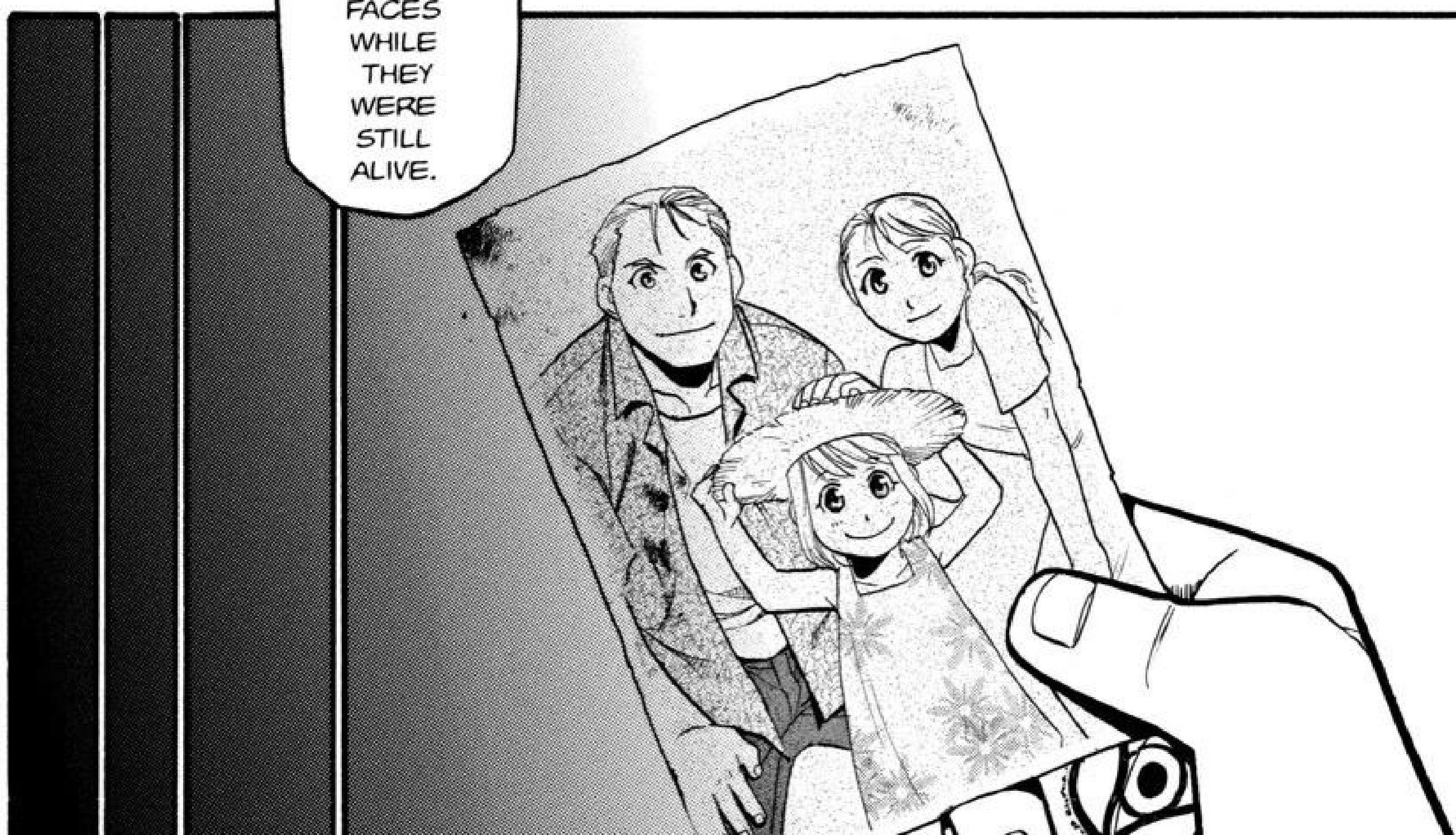
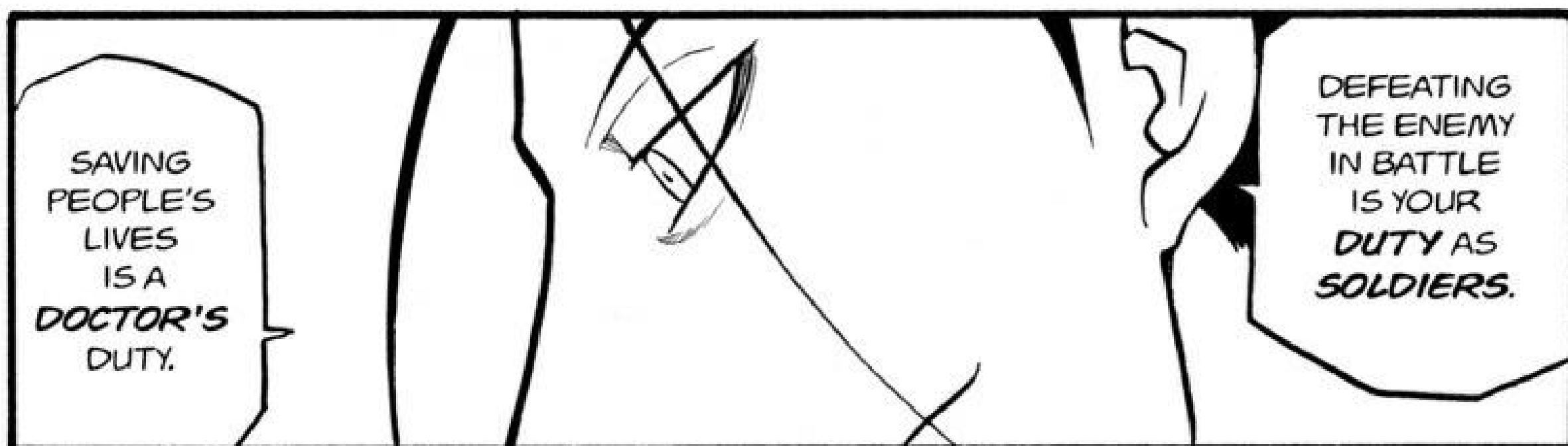


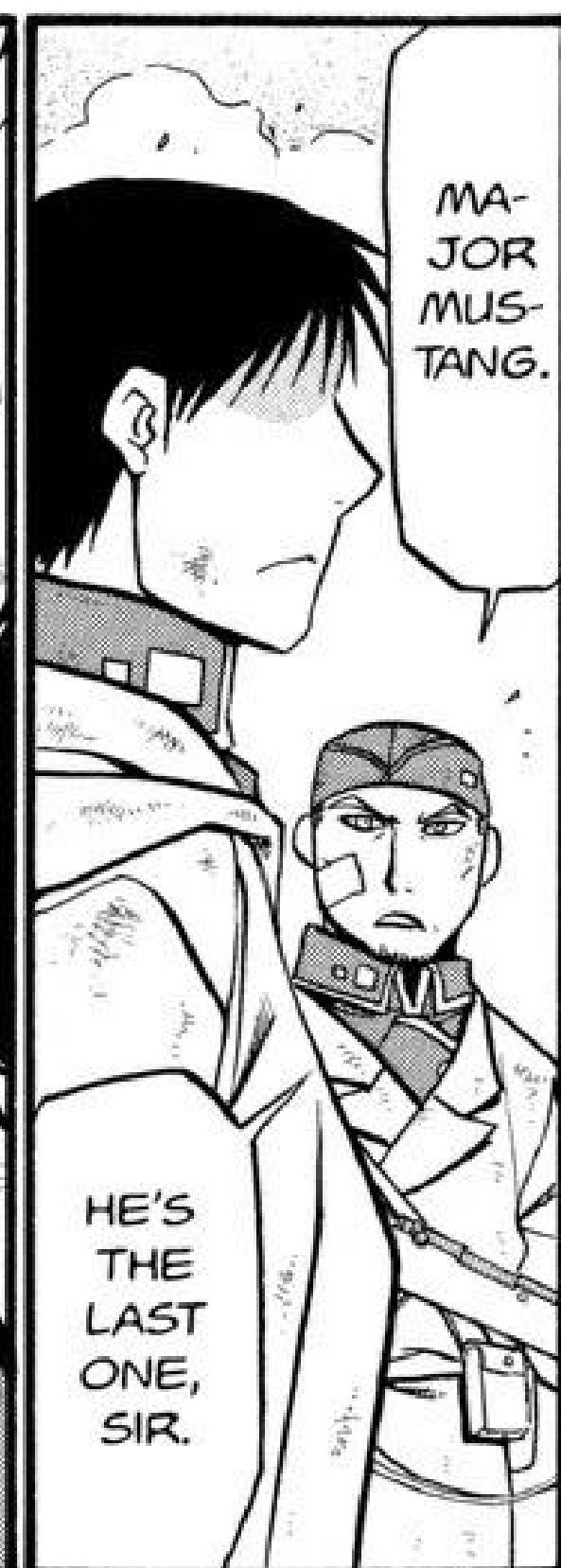
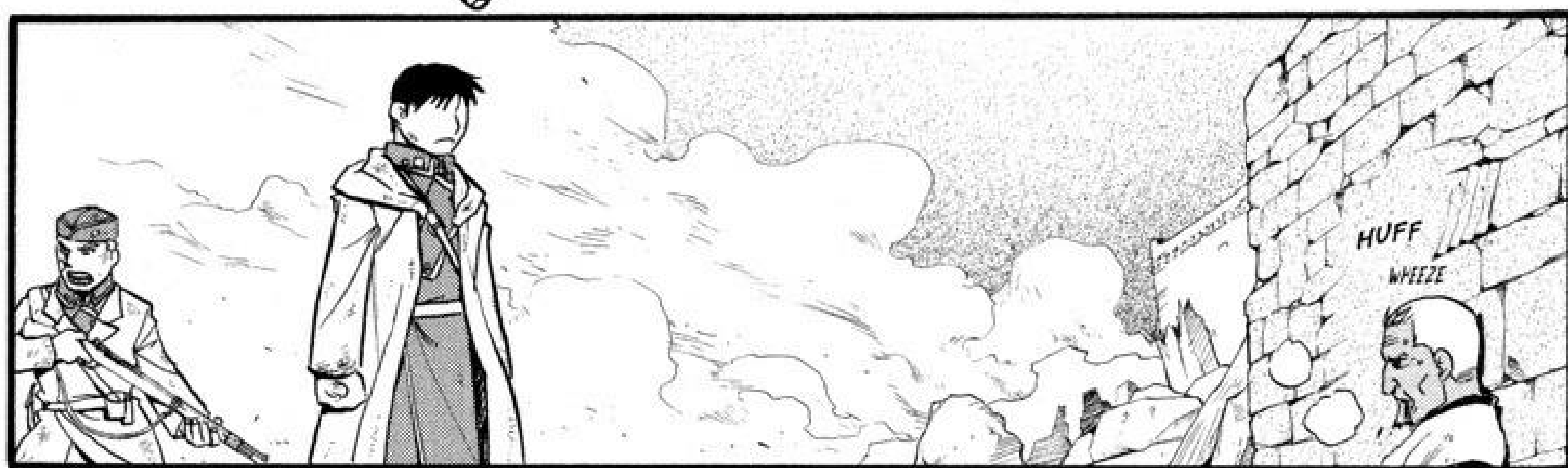
THAT MUST BE THE DOCTORS—THE COUPLE—SIR.



THEY WERE HELPING ISHBALANS? WHAT WERE THEY THINKING !?

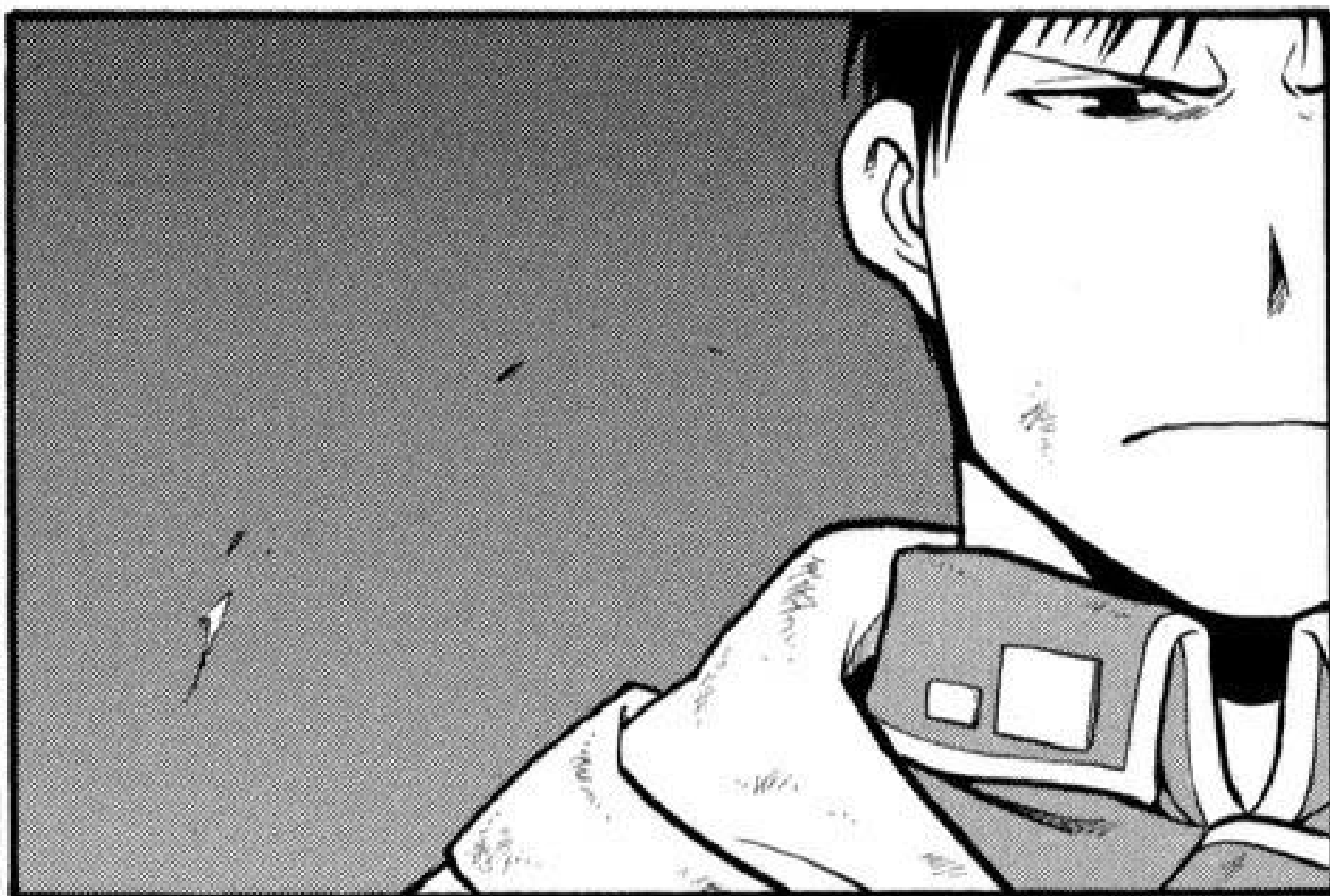
WE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE FOR THESE PEOPLE?







THIS
IS
HEAD-
QUAR-
TERS—
WE
READ
YOU.





ALL
REGIONS
OF
ISHBAL...
...ARE
NOW
UNDER
OUR
MILITARY
CON-
TROL.



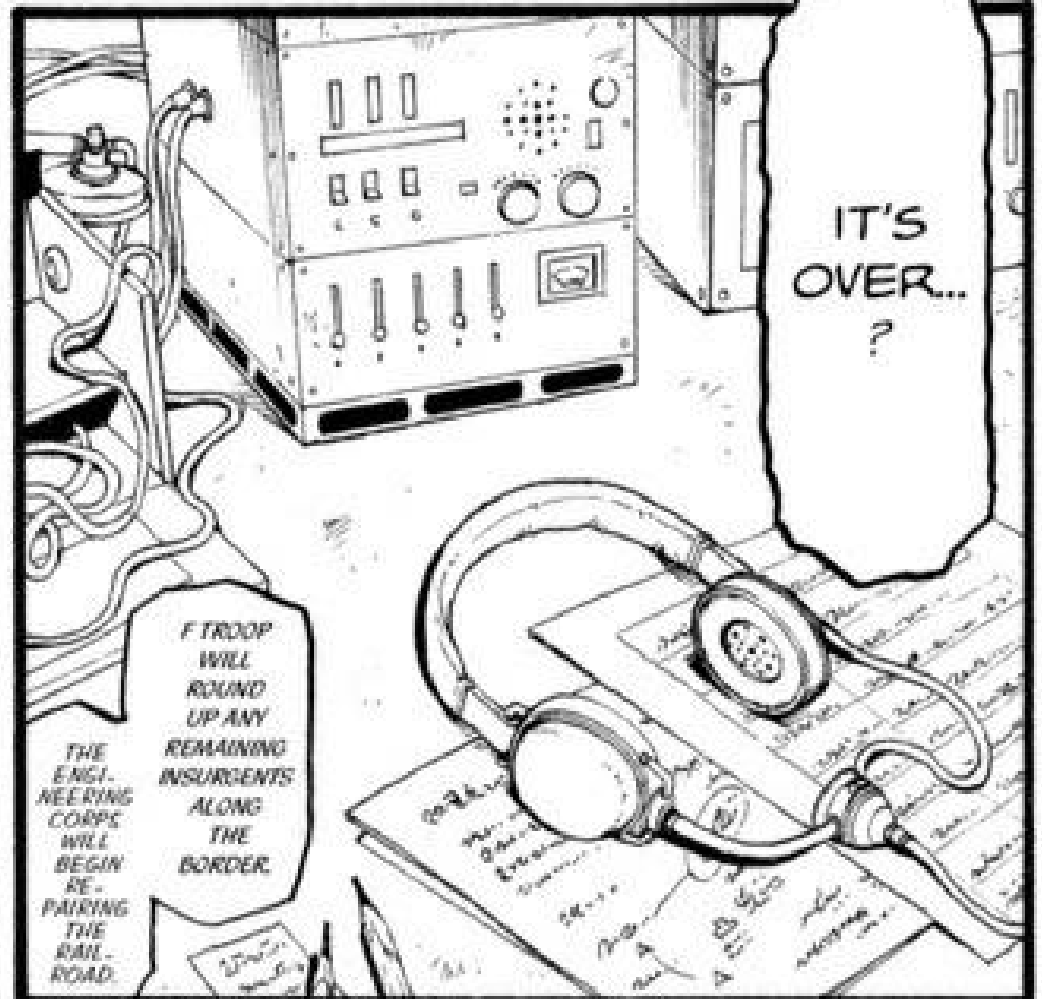
THE
FINAL
REGION,
DALIHA,
HAS
BEEN
SECURED.

GENTLE-
MEN...



WHAT?
WE
DIDN'T
EVEN
GET TO
HAVE
ANY
FUN!!

IS
IT
REAL-
LY
OVER
!?



IT'S
OVER...
?

F TROOP
WILL
ROUND
UP ANY
REMAINING
INSURGENTS
ALONG
THE
BORDER.
THE ENGI-
NEERING
CORPS
WILL
BEGIN
RE-
PAIRING
THE RAIL-
ROAD.



I
CAN
FINALLY
GO
HOME...

OH...

SO
CAN
WE
GO
HOME
RIGHT
AWAY
?

I DON'T
KNOW!!
WAIT FOR
THE
OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCE-
MENT!!

WHAT
SHOULD I
TAKE HOME
TO MOM
AS A
SOUVENIR
?

HOW
SHOULD
I
KNOW
!?



CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

THAT'LL
TAKE
LONGER
THAN
THE
ACTUAL
WAR!

NOW THE
CLEAN-UP
PROCESS
ALONG THE
BORDER
BEGINS.



WILL YOU HAVE A DRINK WITH US, SIR?



MAJOR MUSTANG.



WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?



WA HA HA HA

SEE?! HE'S NEVER EVEN SEEN US BEFORE!

HA!

BUT WE'RE SO LOW RANKING THAT I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT KNOWING WHO WE ARE, SIR.

WE'RE IN **YOUR** SQUAD, MAJOR.



AND THAT'S ALBERT.

HEY! WE NEED MORE BOOZE!

WHICH SQUAD ARE YOU FELLOWS IN?



RICHARD.

FABIO.

I'M CHARLIE.

MY NAME'S ALEXANDER.

I'M THE YOUNGEST ONE HERE.

I'M DINO.





SO,
PLEASE
CHEER
UP,
SIR.

TO US,
YOU'RE
A
HERO.



THAT'S
THE
ONLY
WORD
FOR
IT.

THE SIGHT
OF YOU
CUTTING
DOWN THE
ENEMY
WITH YOUR
SHEETS
OF FLAME
INSPIRED...
TRUST.



YOU
HAVE
OUR
GRATI-
TUDE,
MA-
JOR.

THANKS
TO YOU,
**ALL OF
THESE
SOLDIERS**
MANAGED
TO
SURVIVE.



THE ONLY
REASON WE
SURVIVED
WAS BECAUSE
**THE FLAME
ALCHEMIST**
WAS THERE
FOR US.



THANK
YOU.
I'M
GLAD
YOU
SUR-
VIVED.

EVERY-
ONE...



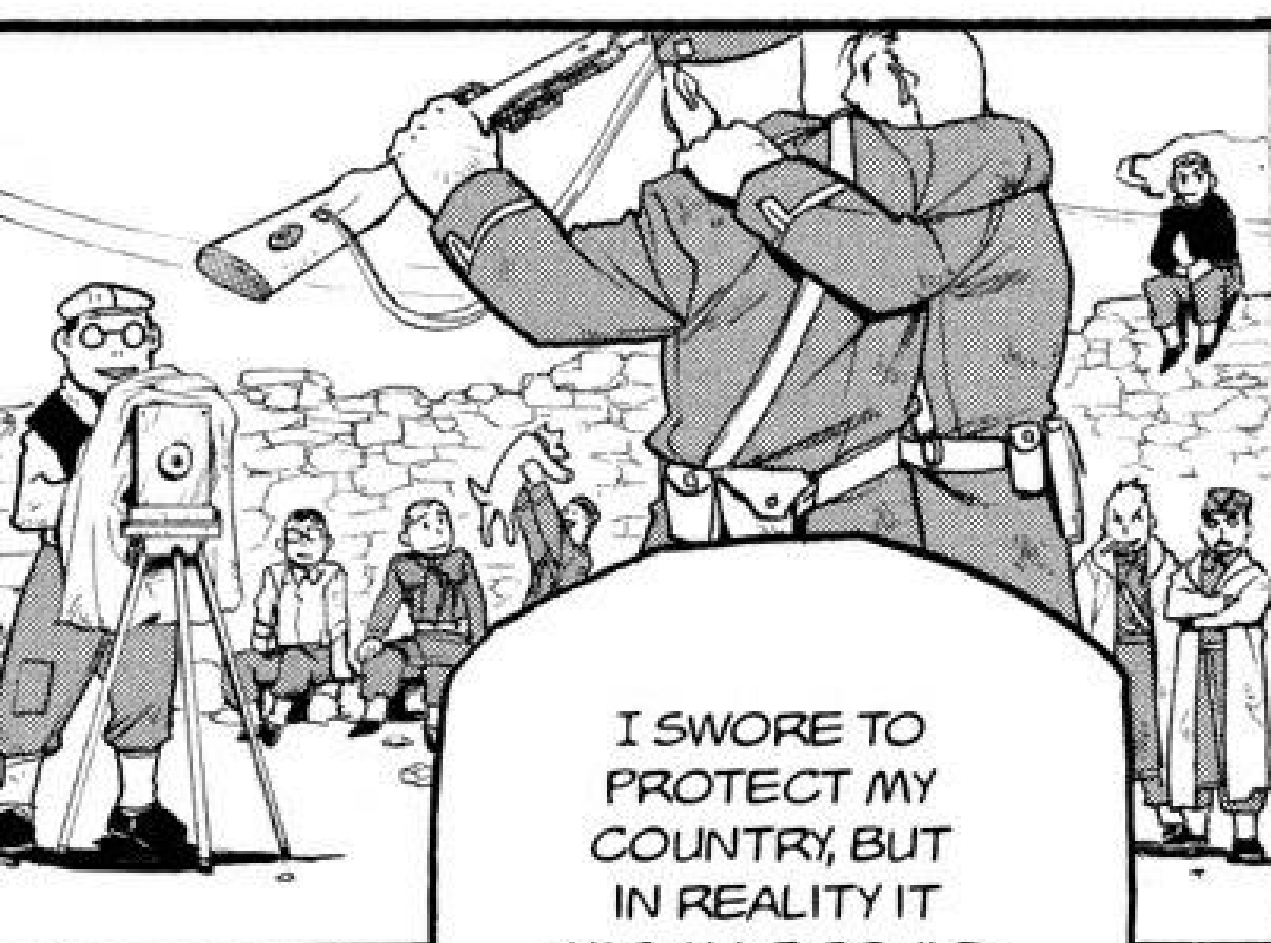
OUR
FAMILIES
ARE
WAITING
FOR
US!!

**YAHOO!
LET'S
GO
HOME
!!**





THIS
WAR
DESTROYED
MY
YOUTHFUL
IDEALS.



I SWORE TO
PROTECT MY
COUNTRY, BUT
IN REALITY IT
WAS ALL I COULD
DO TO PROTECT
A HANDFUL OF
PEOPLE.

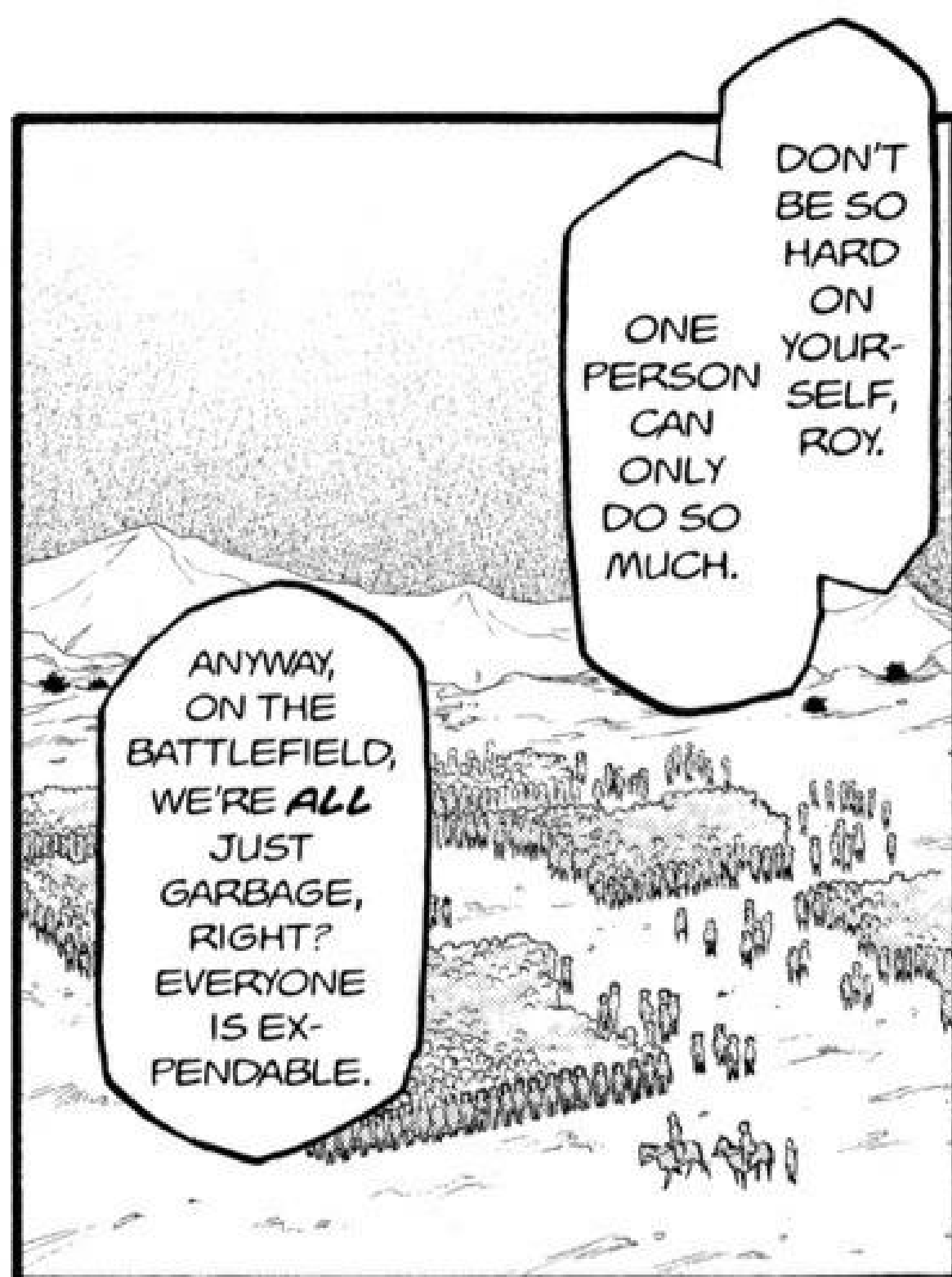


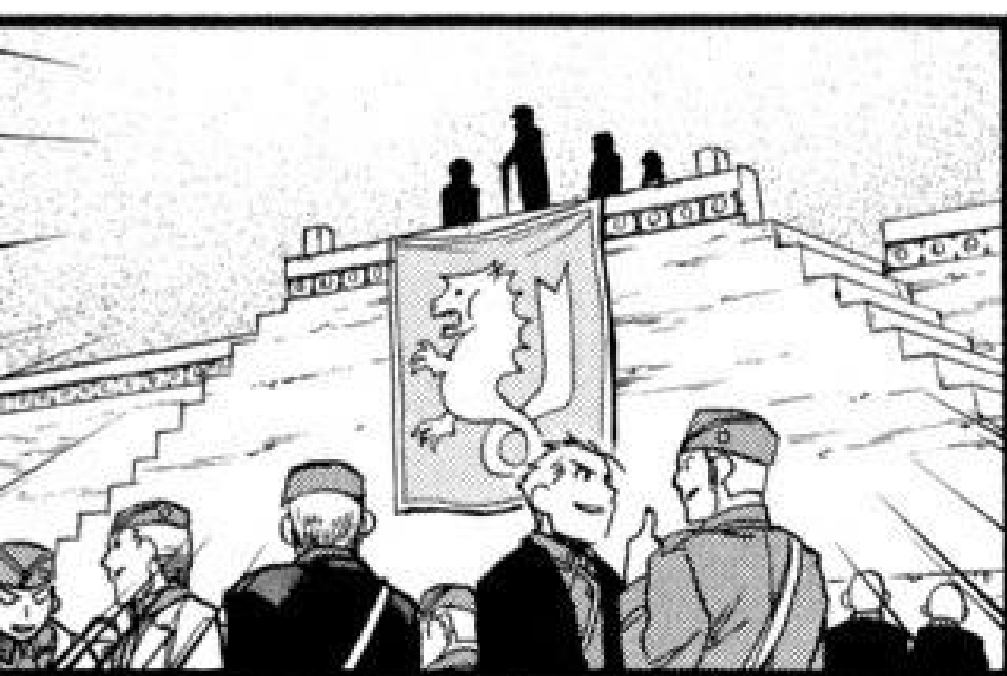
THAT
SOLDIER
SAID I
PRO-
TECTED
"ALL OF
THESE
SOL-
DIERS"...

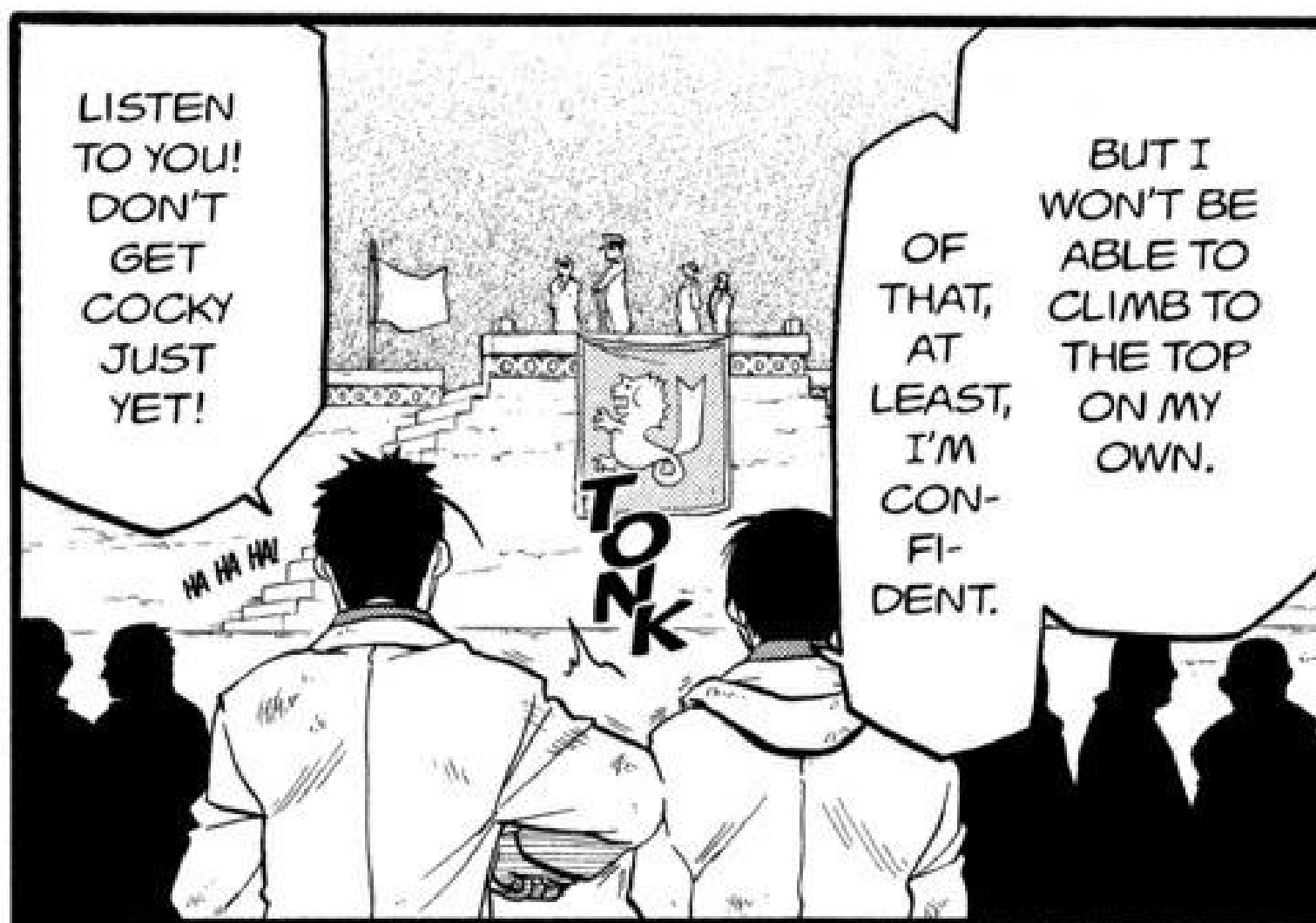


...BUT THEY
WERE JUST
ONE SQUAD,
JUST A
HANDFUL
OF MEN IN A
SEA OF
CASUALTIES.









I'LL
BE
WATCHING
YOU,
FLAME
ALCHEMIST
!!



AMONGST
ALL THE
JUBILATION
THERE IS
ONE
PERSON
WHO ISN'T
INTOXICATED
WITH
VICTORY.



IT'S
ME
HE
WANTS.



NO...HE'S
ALREADY
SET HIS
SIGHTS
BEYOND
ME.





SO, HOW DID YOU FIND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE?

GOOD WORK, MAJOR KIMBLEE.



NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO HUNT DOWN ANY REMAINING INSURGENTS... BUT WE CAN HANDLE THAT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

THE MAIN BATTLE IS FINISHED.



IT ALLOWED ME TO **BYPASS** THE EQUIVALENCY EXCHANGE AND CONDUCT TRANS-MUTATIONS **WELL BEYOND** MY EXPECTATIONS.

IN A WORD, IT'S **AMAZ-ING**.



NOW, RETURN THE STONE TO ME.

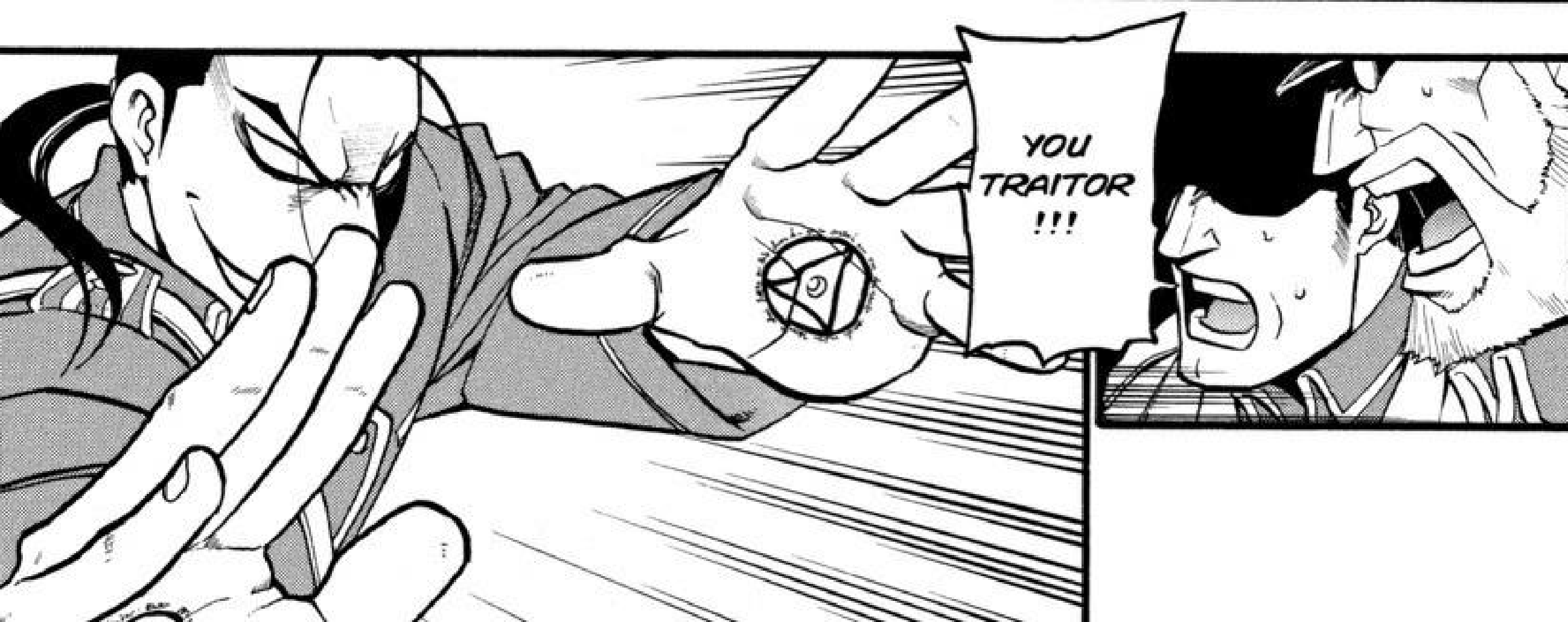
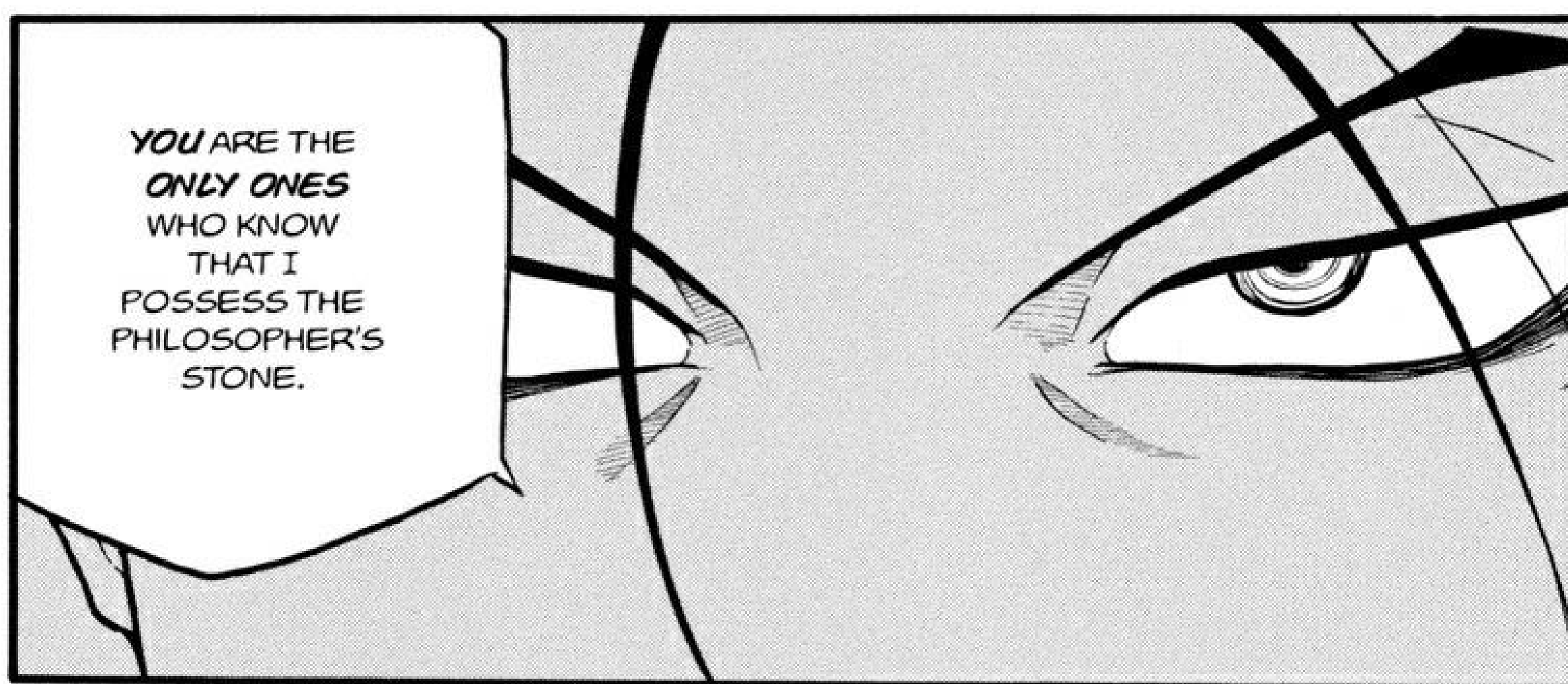
IT MUST BE SECURELY STORED AWAY.

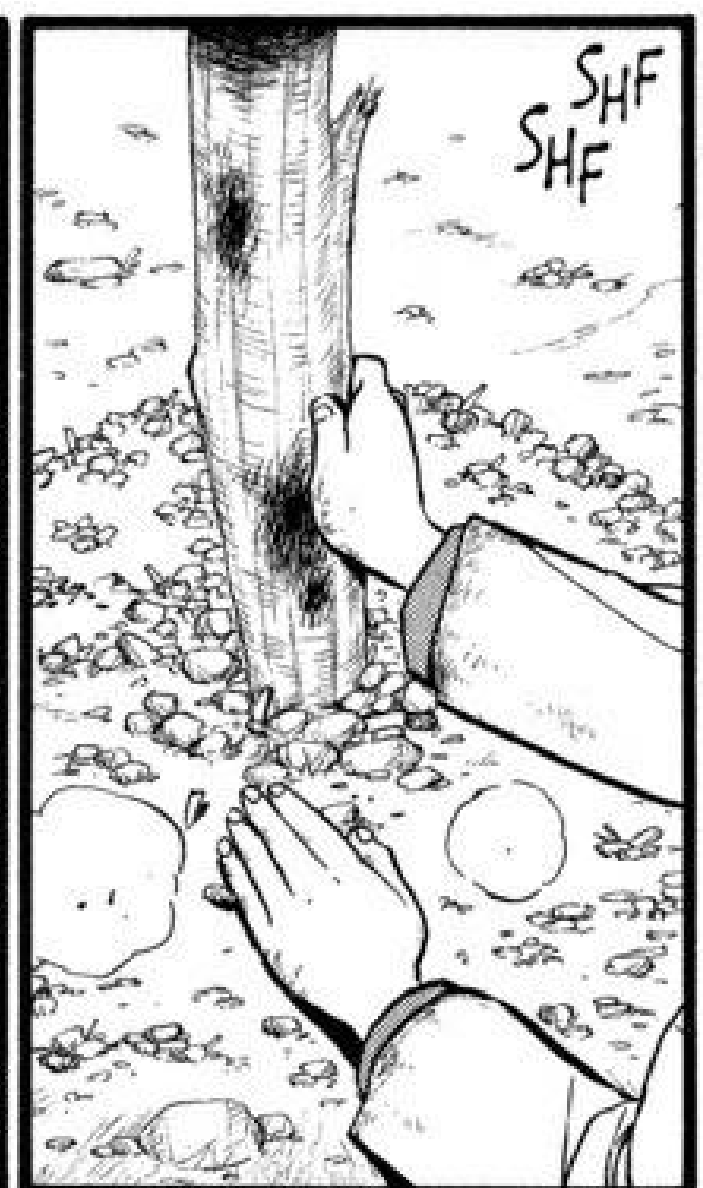
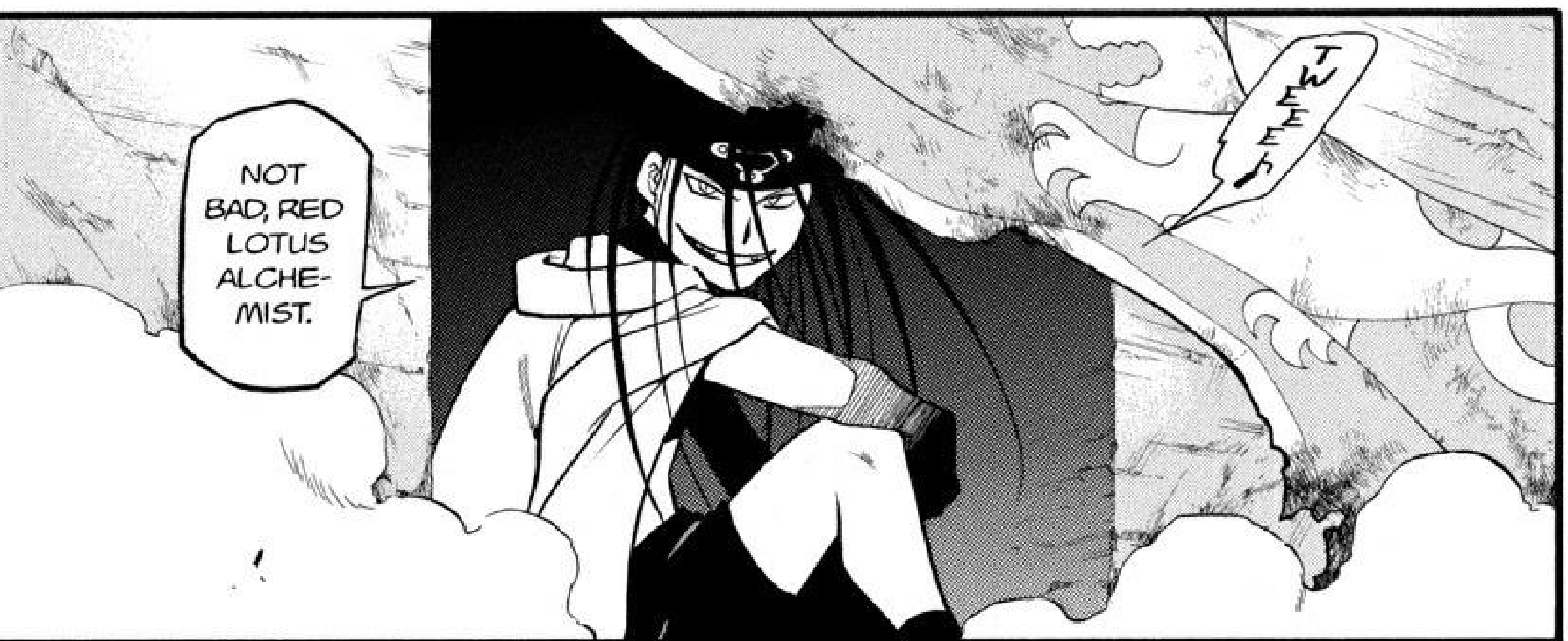


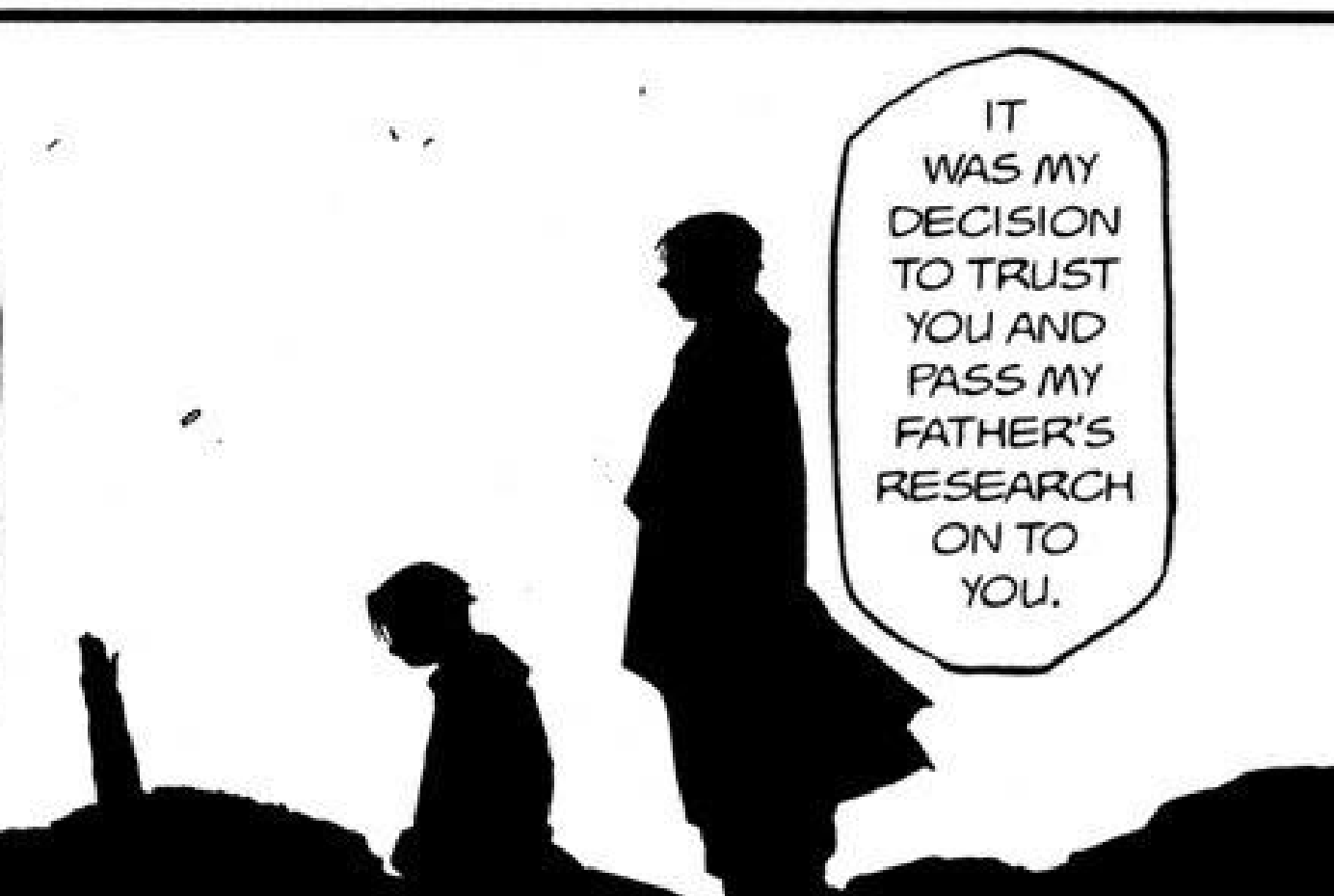
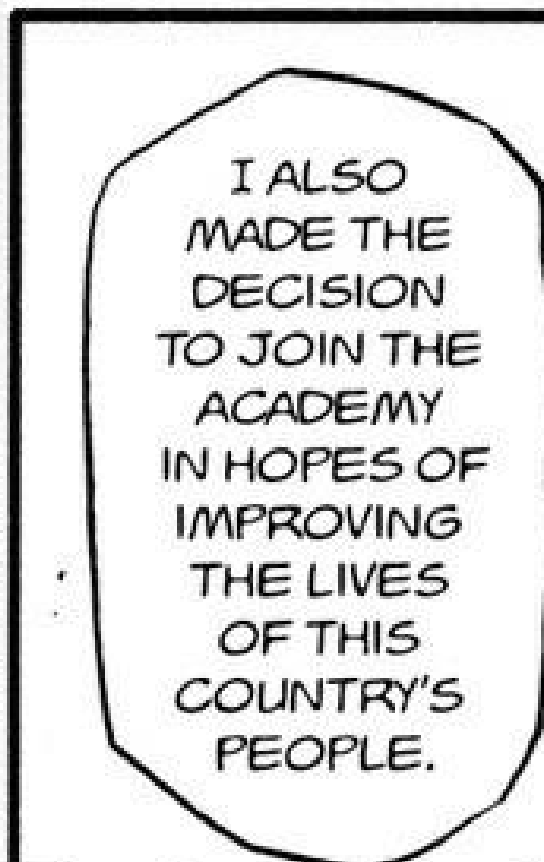
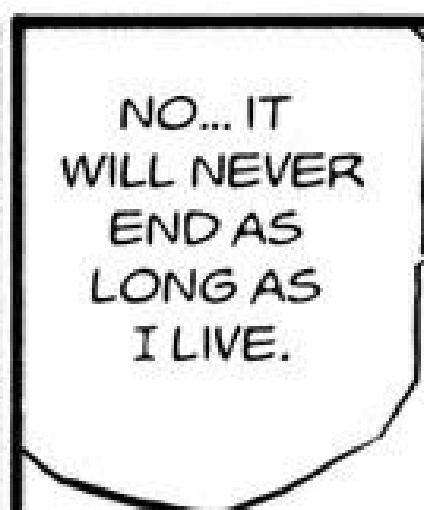
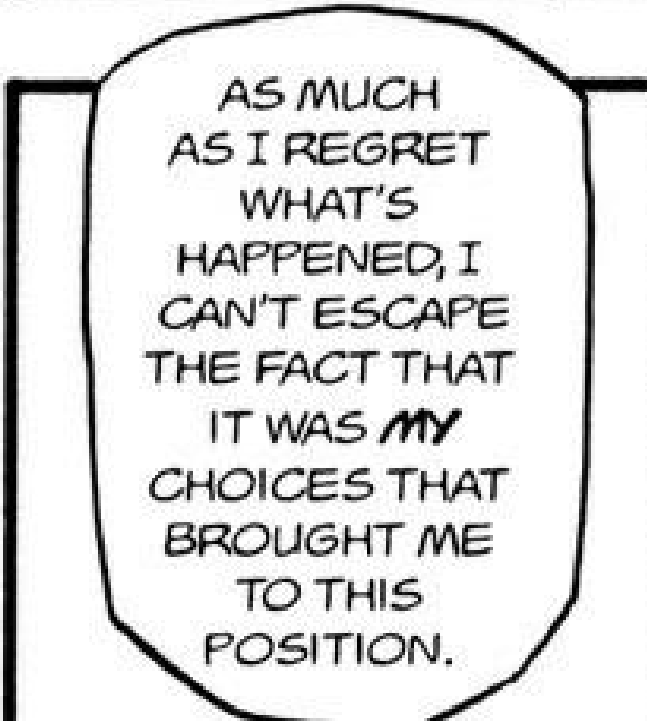
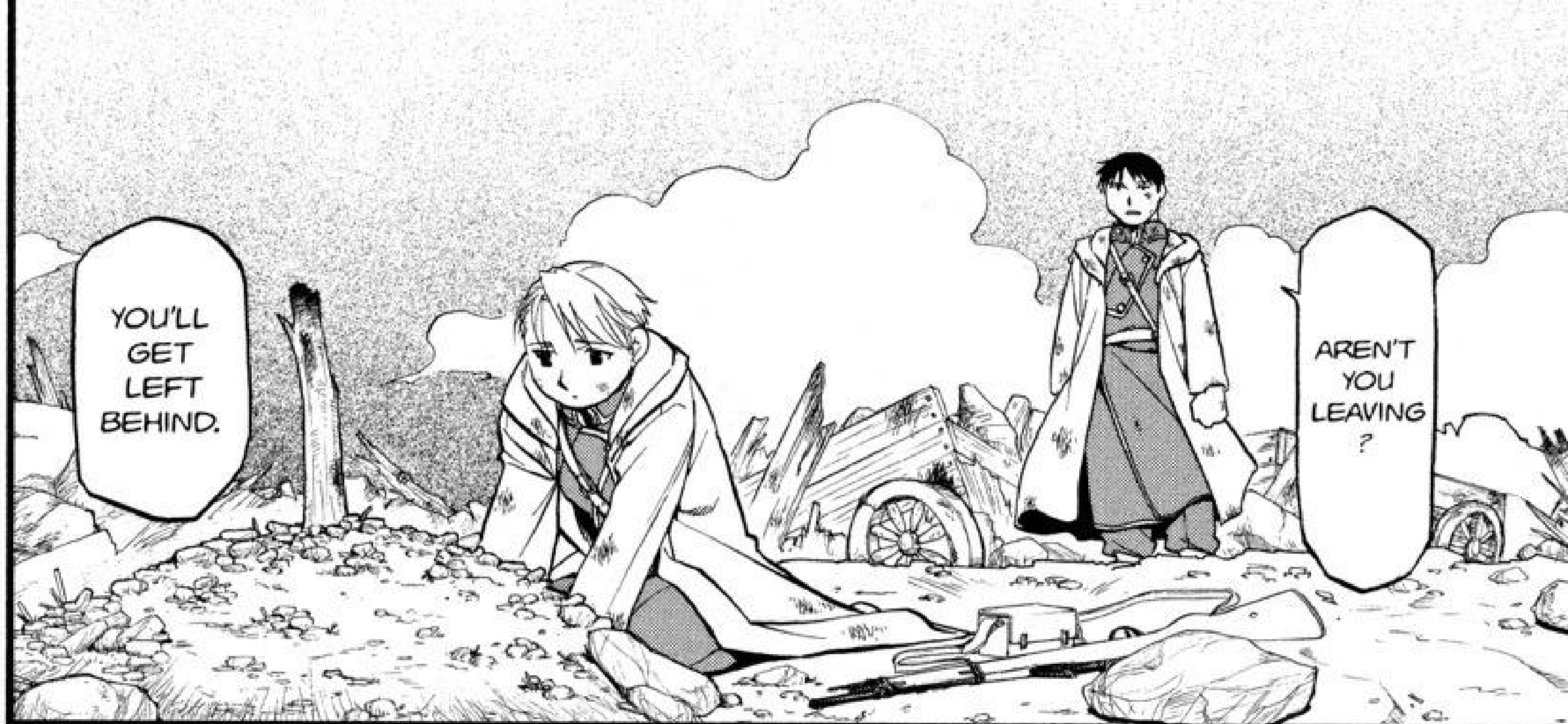
HMM... JUST AS I THOUGHT.

REPORT OUR VICTORY TO CENTRAL CITY HQ.











I'M A KILLER.
AND NO
AMOUNT
OF DENIAL OR
REPENTANCE
CAN ABSOLVE
ME OF
THAT.



I HAVE
A FAVOR
TO ASK
OF YOU,
MR.
MUSTANG.



I WANT
THE SECRET
THAT'S
WRITTEN ON
MY BACK TO
BECOME
ILLEGIBLE.

IF I CAN'T REPENT,
THE LEAST I CAN
DO IS PREVENT
THE CREATION OF
ANOTHER FLAME
ALCHEMIST.



I'M
BEG-
GING
YOU.



TO REMOVE
THE BURDEN
OF MY
FATHER'S
LEGACY AND
ALLOW
ME, RIZA
HAWKEYE,
TO BE INDEPEN-
DENT...

...IT
HAS
TO
BE
DONE.



EVERYTHING
FROM
INCINERATING
A BODY TO
INFLECTING
NON-FATAL
BURNS ON A
MINUSCULE
AREA.

SINCE THE
WAR BEGAN,
I'VE
LEARNED
HOW TO
CONTROL
THE
INTENSITY
OF THESE
FLAMES.

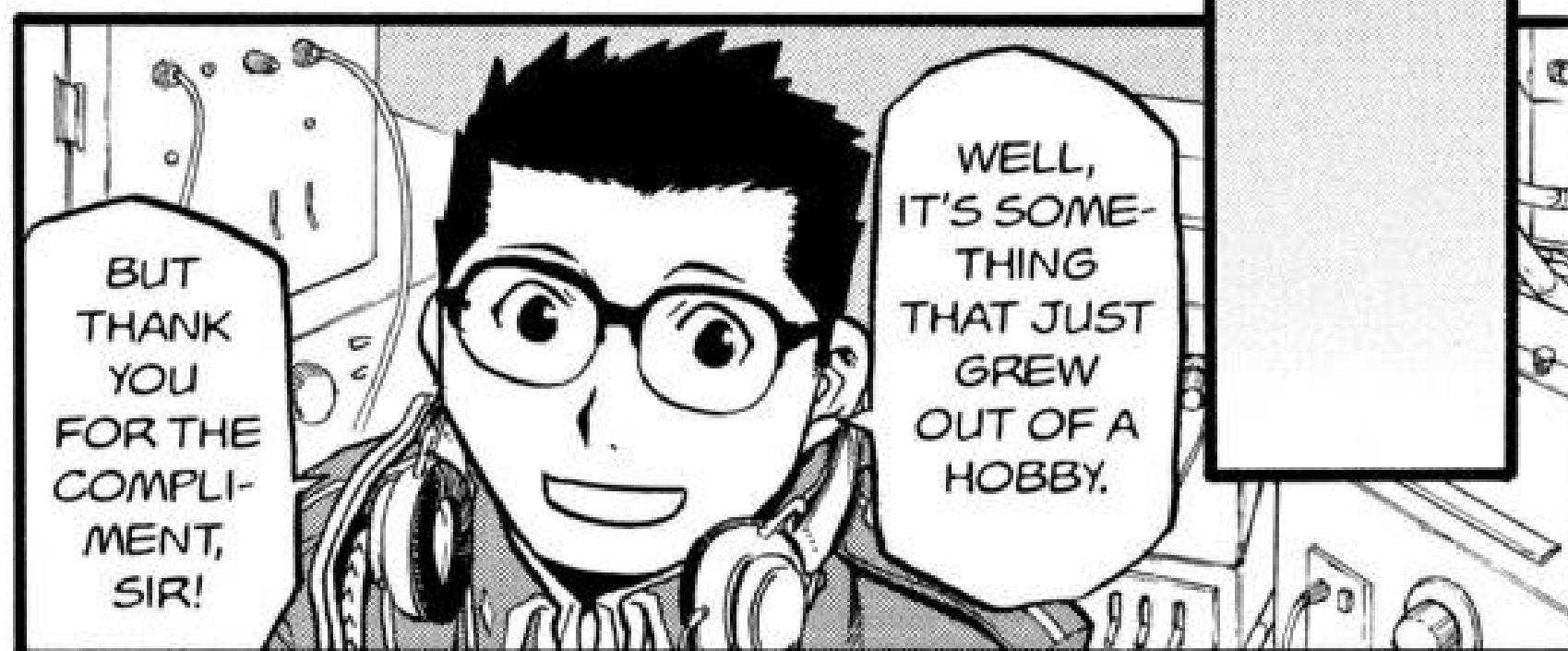


THIS WAR
HAS MADE
ME MUCH
TOO
ACCUS-
TOMED TO
BURNING
PEOPLE.

HOW
IRONIC.

KAIN FUERY
COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY
EXPERT

TAKES GOOD
CARE OF HIS
SUBORDINATES.



VATO FALMAN

WALKING DATABANK.

POSSESSES AN
ALMOST FRIGHTENINGLY
DETAILED MEMORY,
SO INFORMATION
CAN BE STORED IN
HIM WITHOUT LEAVING
ANY TRACES.

HEYMANS BRED A

GRADUATED
TOP OF HIS
CLASS IN
THE ACADEMY.

BELIED BY HIS
RELAXED MANNER, HE
POSSESSES A KEEN
INTELLIGENCE AND IS A
GOOD TEAM PLAYER.

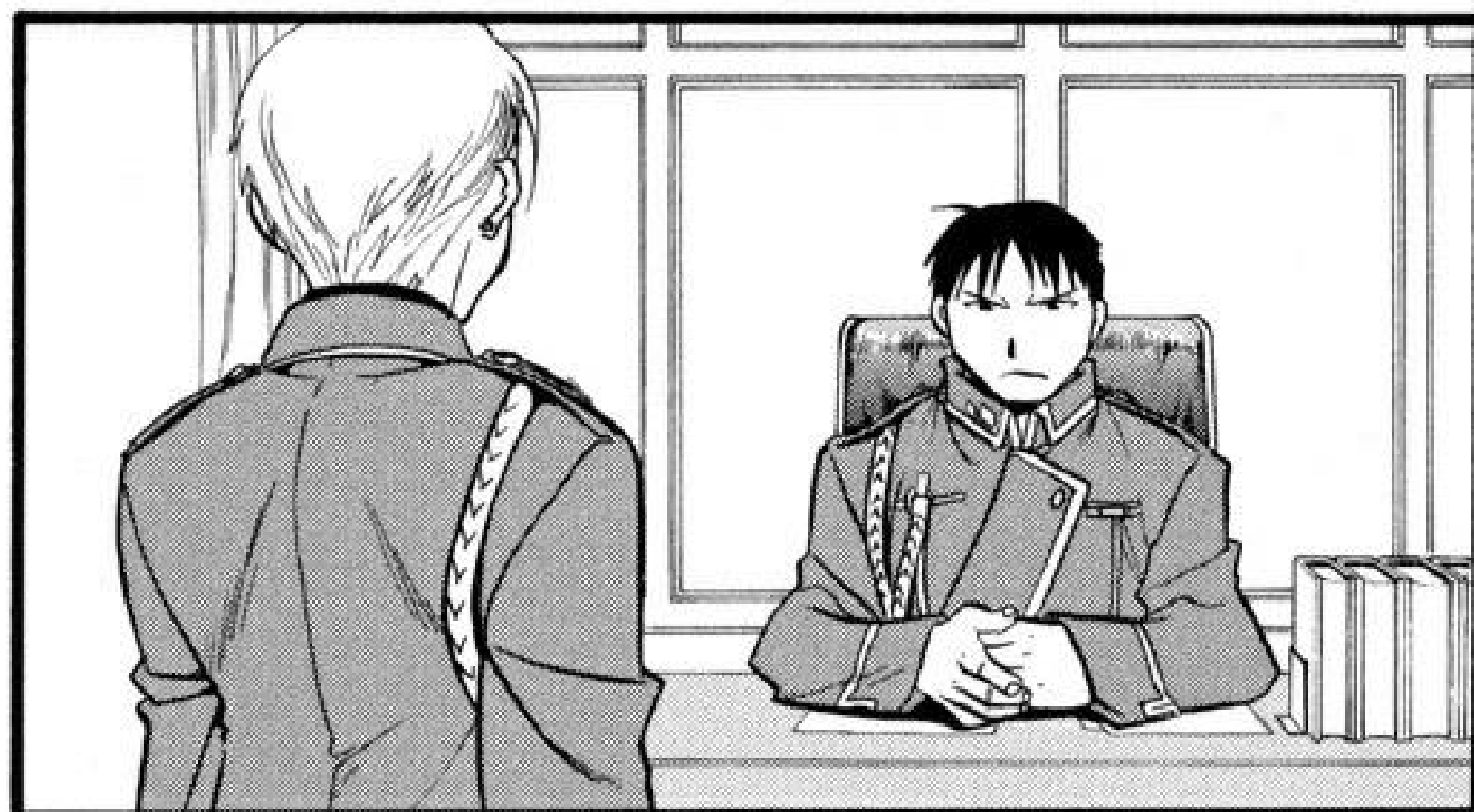


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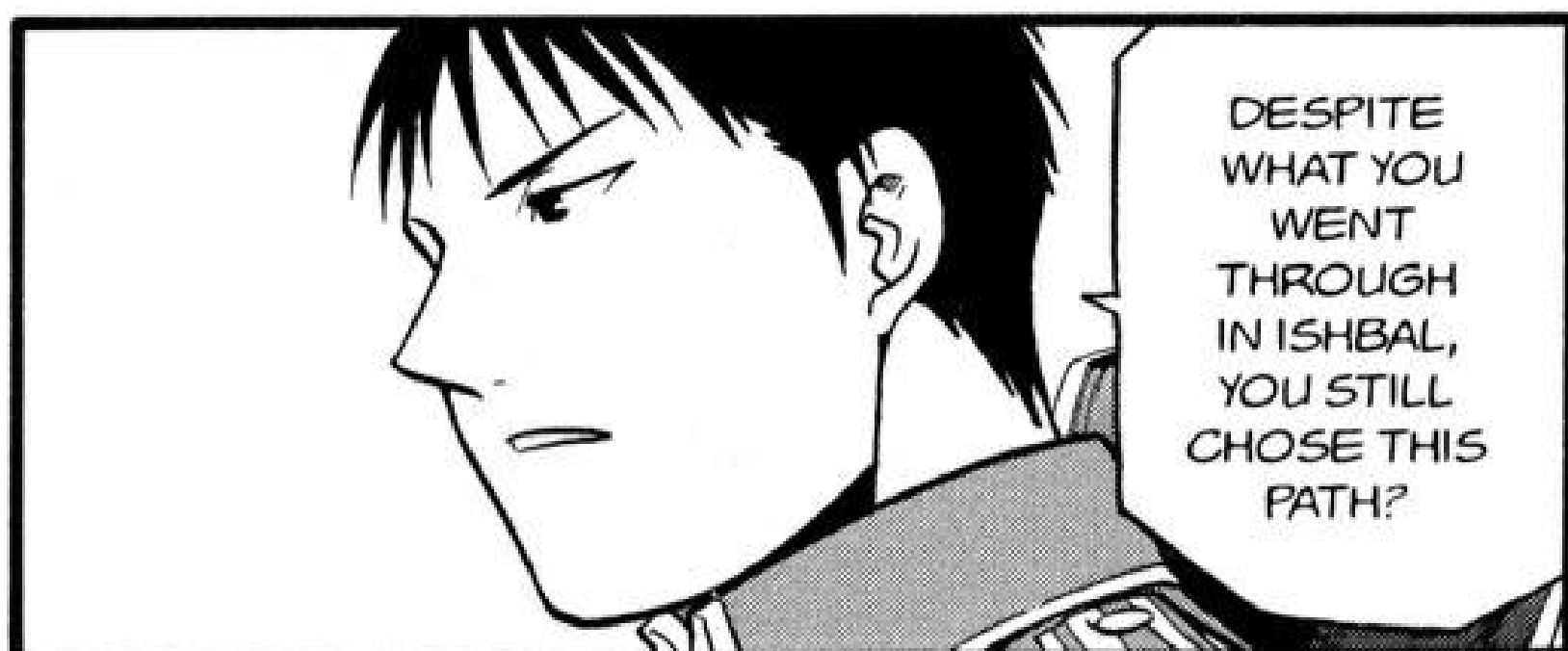
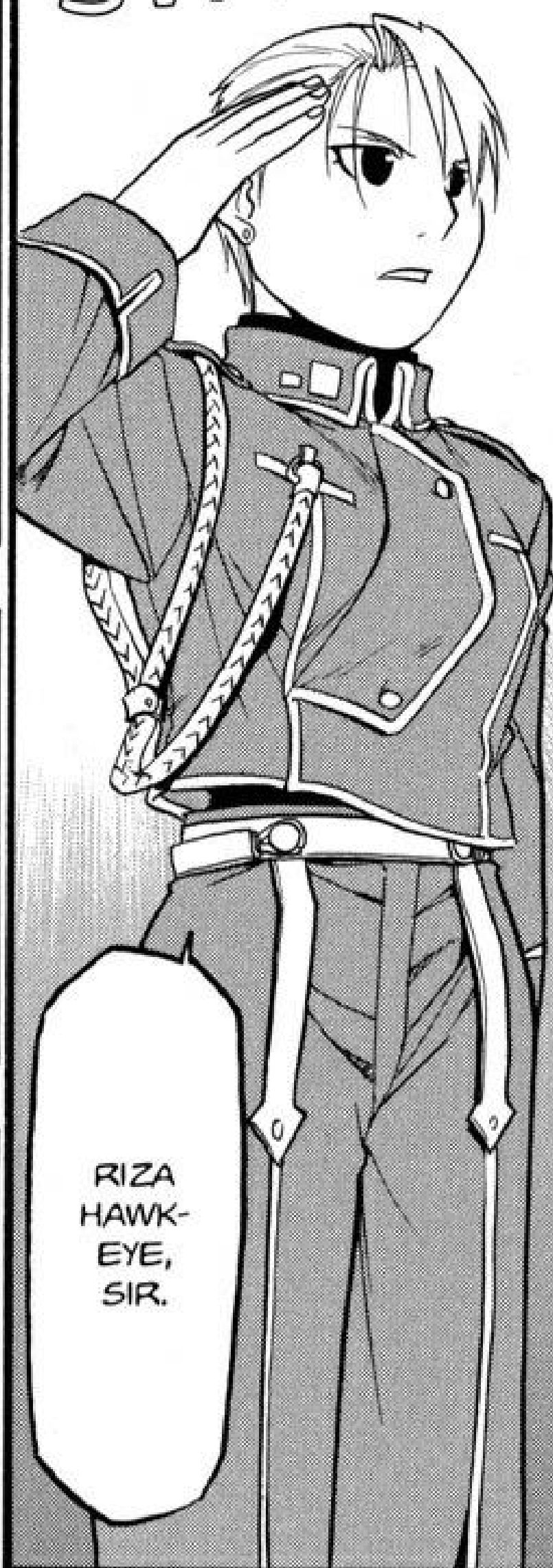
NOT THE BRIGHTEST
SOLDIER, BUT COMPENSATES
WITH DISCIPLINE
AND TENACITY.

A HARD WORKER
WHO LEADS HIS
SUBORDINATES
BY EXAMPLE.





SWIP



DESPITE
WHAT YOU
WENT
THROUGH
IN ISHBAL,
YOU STILL
CHOSE THIS
PATH?



I MADE THE
DECISION
TO WEAR
THIS
UNIFORM
OUT OF
MY OWN
FREE WILL.

YES,
SIR.

RIZA
HAWK-
EYE,
SIR.



GUNS.

...WHAT
IS YOUR
AREA OF
EXPERTISE
?



BECAUSE
THEY'RE
NOT LIKE
SWORDS AND
KNIVES. THE
SENSE OF
DEATH
DOESN'T
LINGER
ON THE
HANDS.

I
LIKE
GUNS.

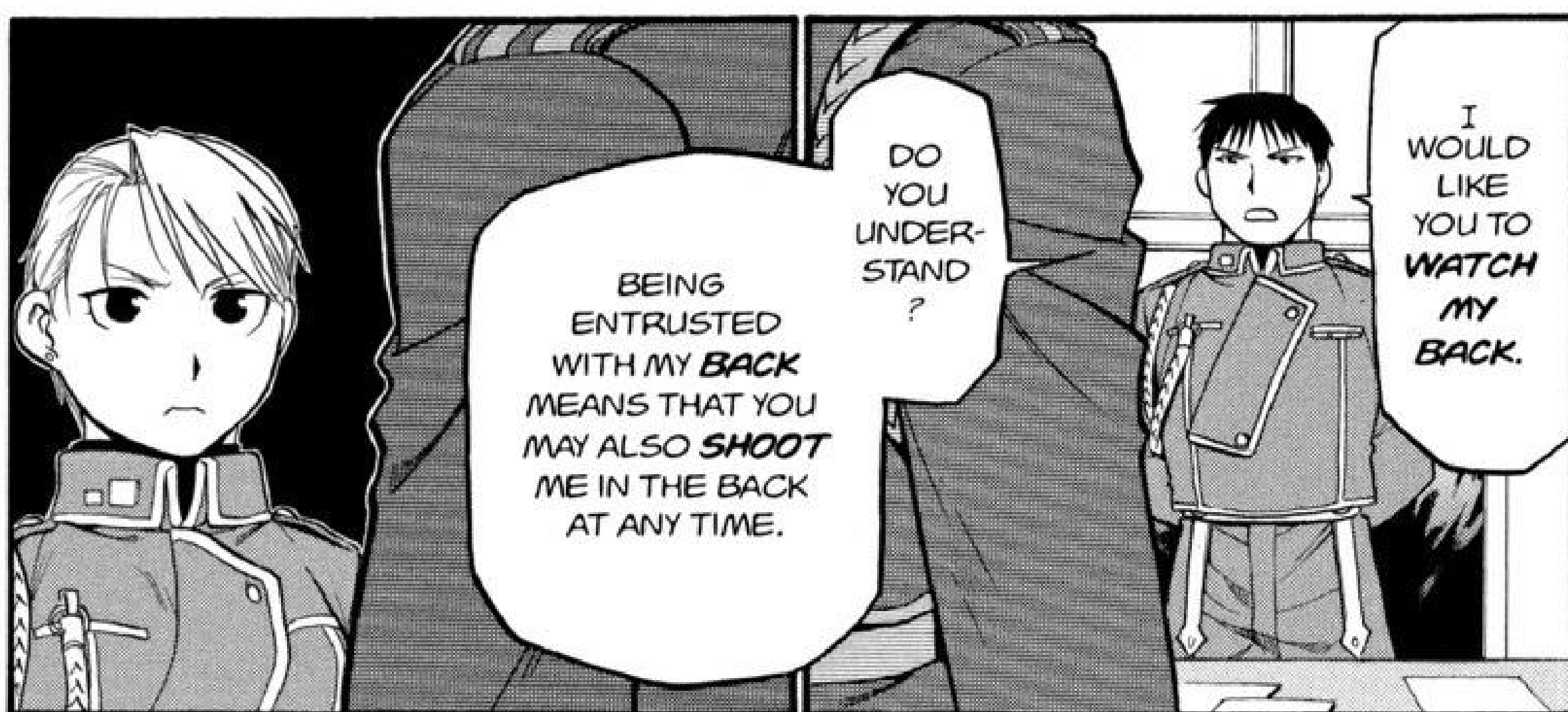


THAT'S JUST SELF-DECEPTION.



...AS PAYMENT, WE MUST CARRY CORPSES ON OUR BACK ACROSS A RIVER OF BLOOD.







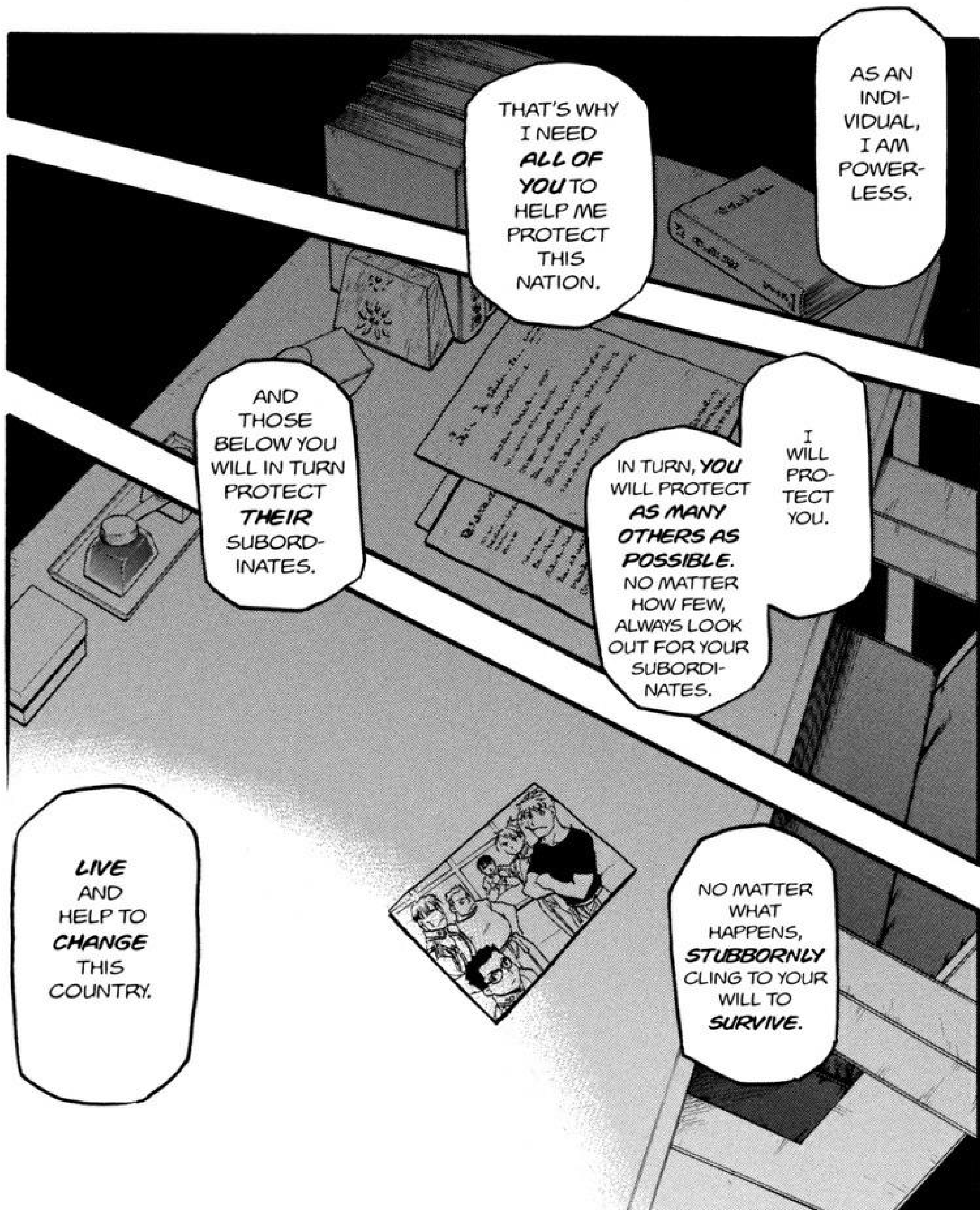
I WILL FOLLOW YOU INTO HELL IF YOU ASK ME.



I DO, SIR.



DO YOU ACCEPT?



THAT'S WHY I NEED **ALL OF YOU** TO HELP ME PROTECT THIS NATION.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I AM POWERLESS.

AND THOSE BELOW YOU WILL IN TURN PROTECT **THEIR** SUBORDINATES.

IN TURN, **YOU** WILL PROTECT **AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE**. NO MATTER HOW FEW, ALWAYS LOOK OUT FOR YOUR SUBORDINATES.

I WILL PROTECT YOU.

LIVE AND HELP TO CHANGE THIS COUNTRY.



NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, **STUBBORNLY** CLING TO YOUR WILL TO **SURVIVE**.



VEN-
GEANCE
!!!



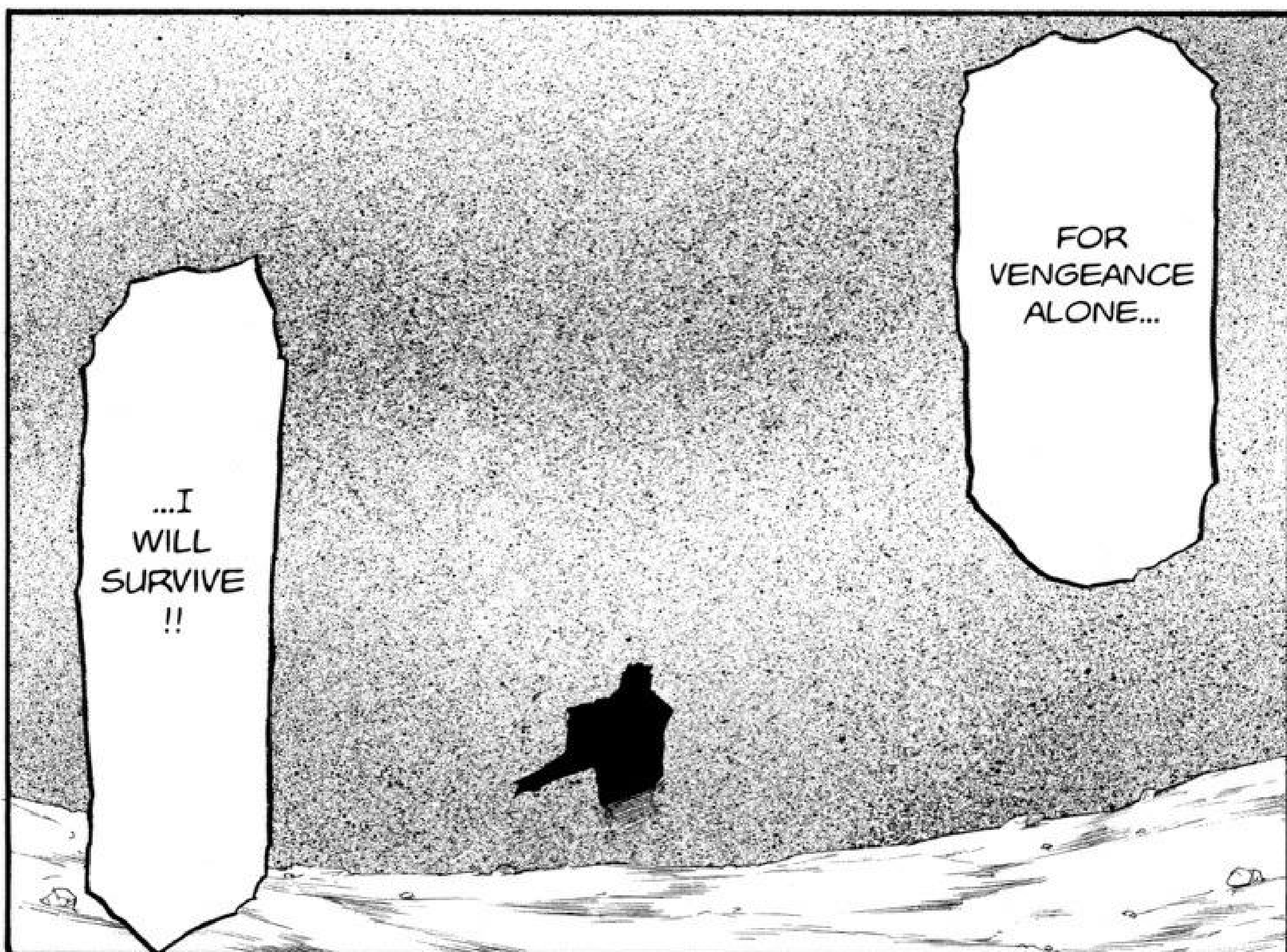
...I
HAVE
NOTHING
LEFT
TO
PRO-
TECT.

EVEN
HERE
IN
GOD'S
HOLY
LAND...

MY
FAM-
ILY...
MY
COM-
RADES...



SO
WHAT
IS THIS
STRENGTH
THAT
KEEPS
ME
GOING
?



...I
WILL
SURVIVE
!!

FOR
VENGEANCE
ALONE...

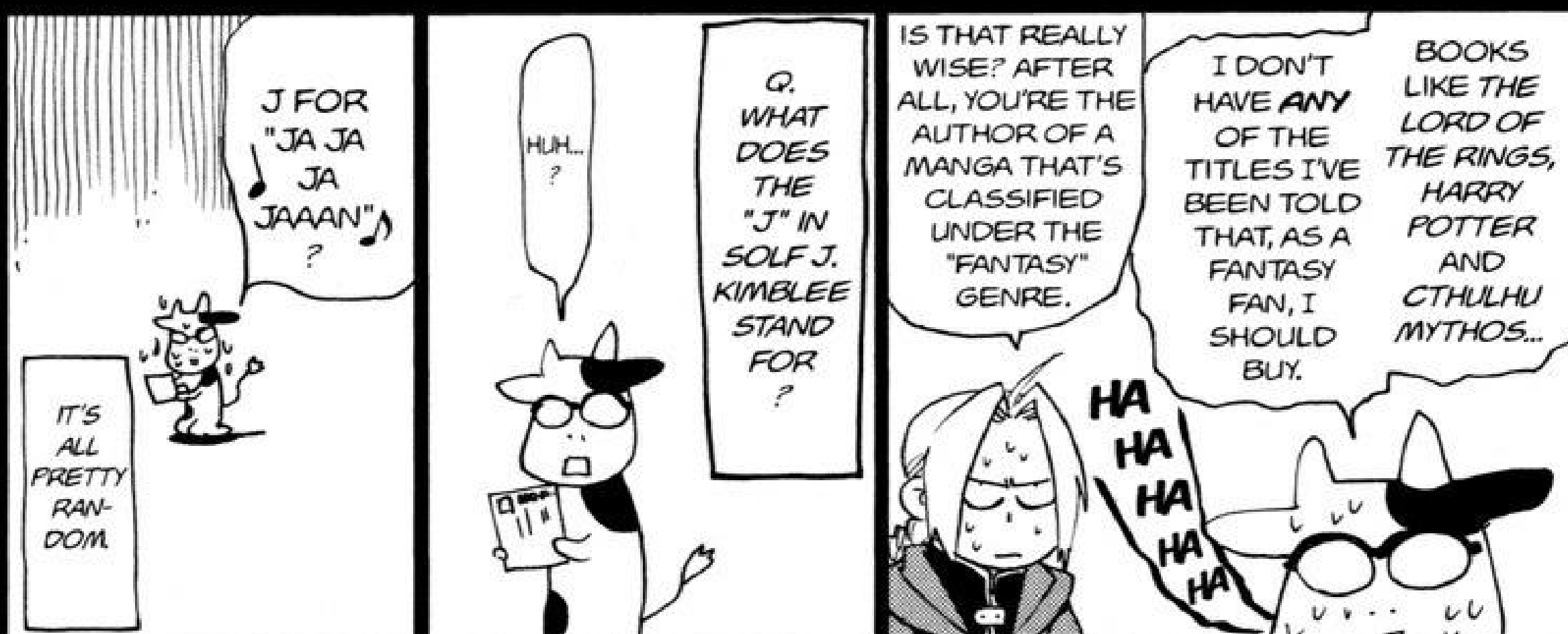
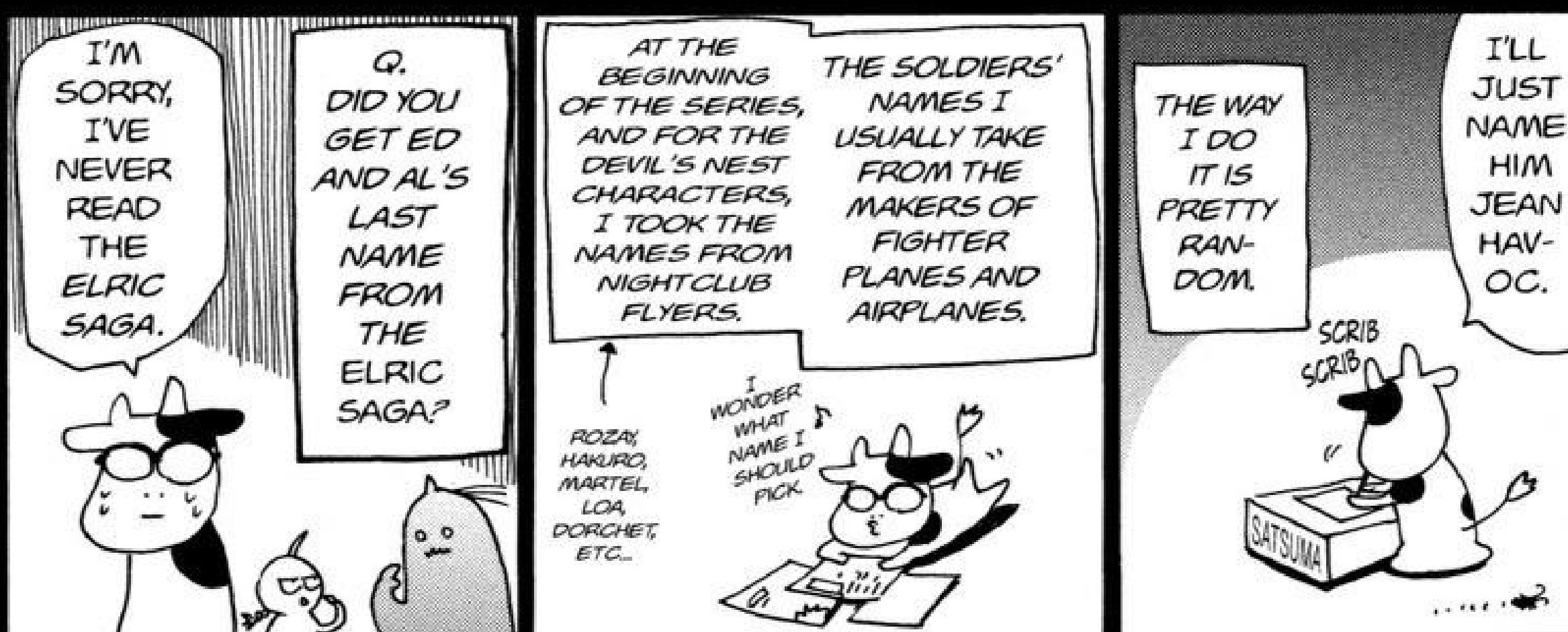
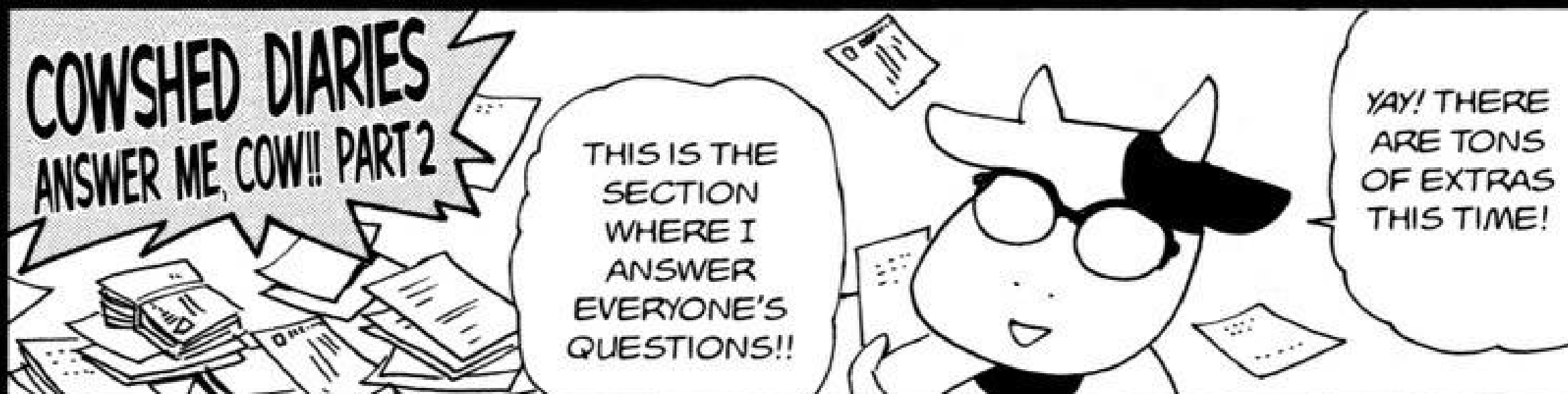
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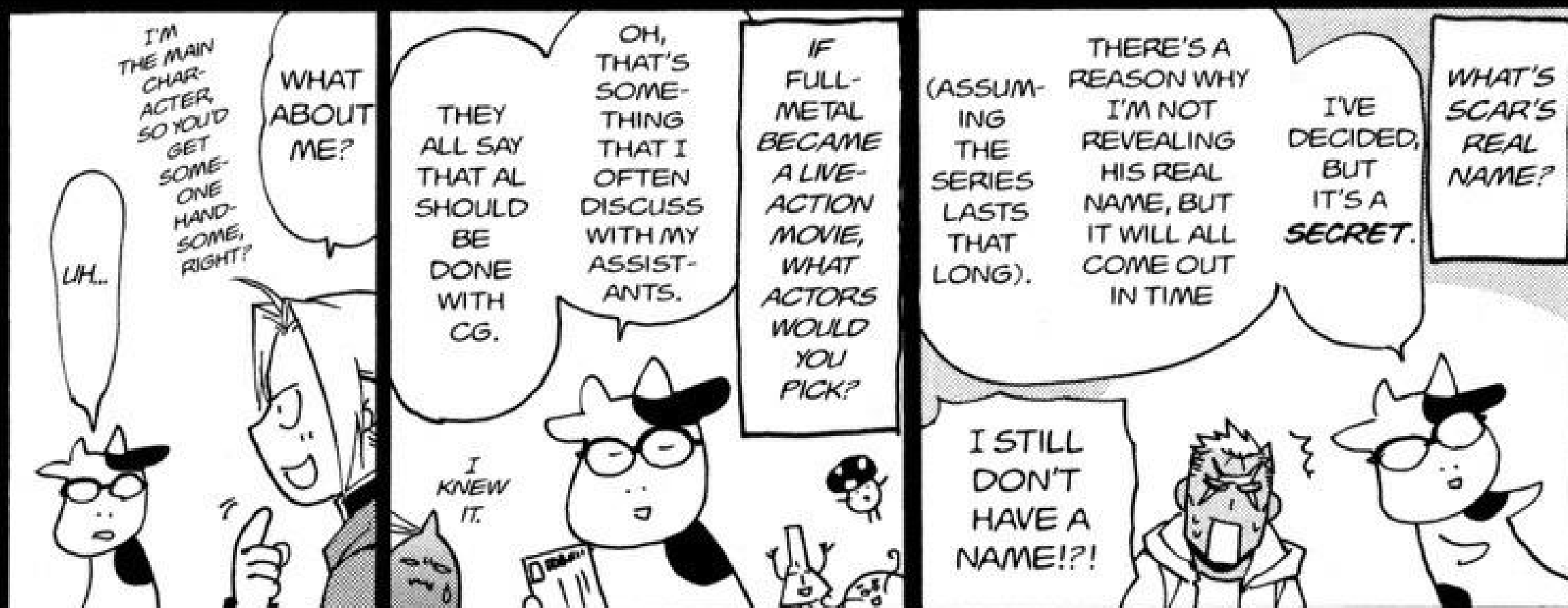


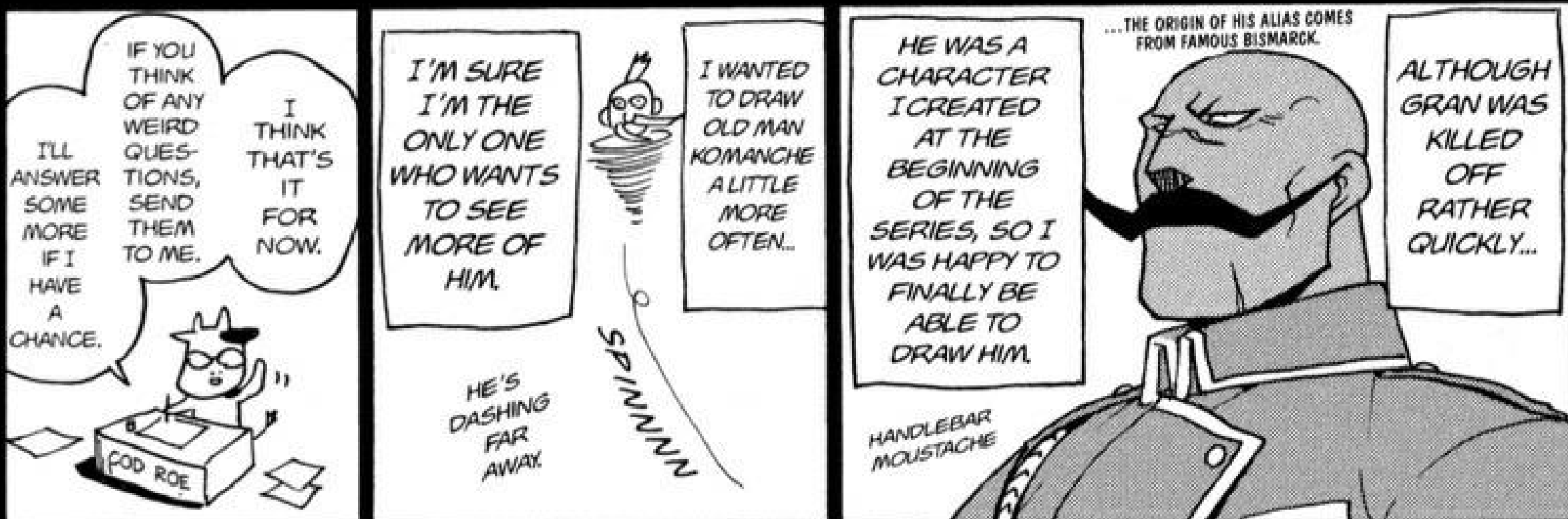
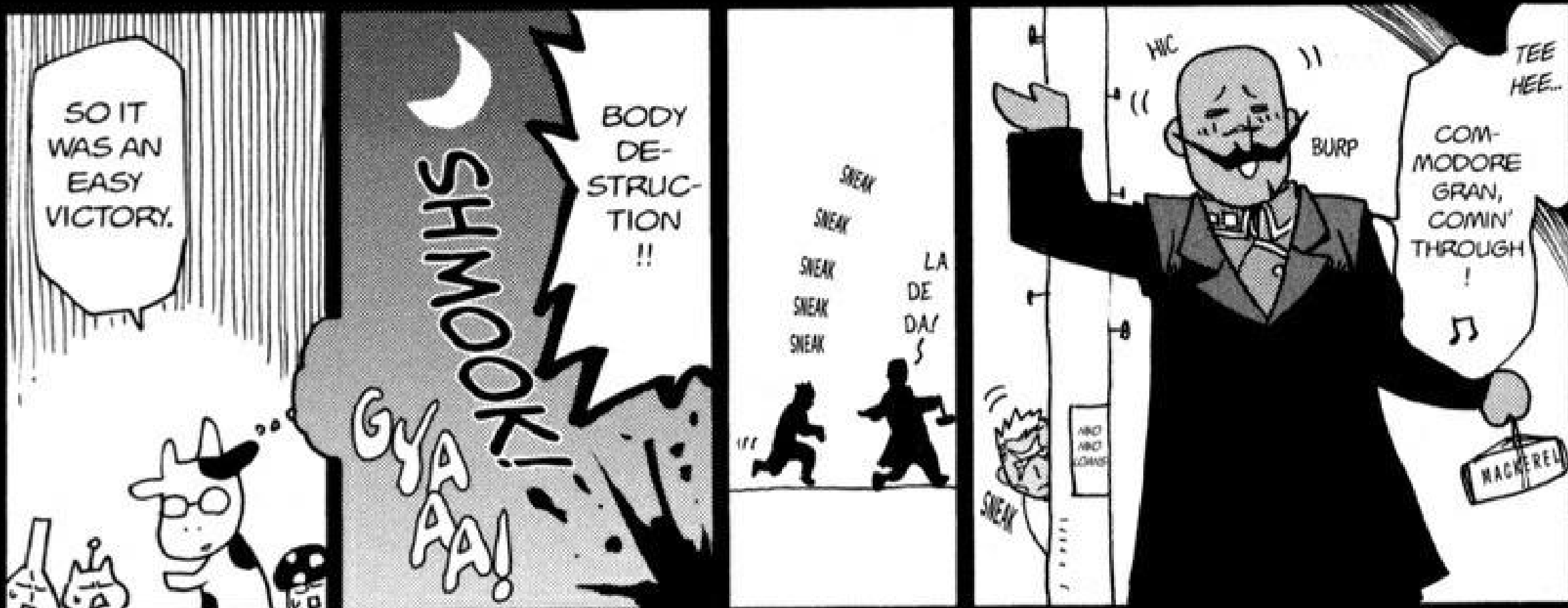
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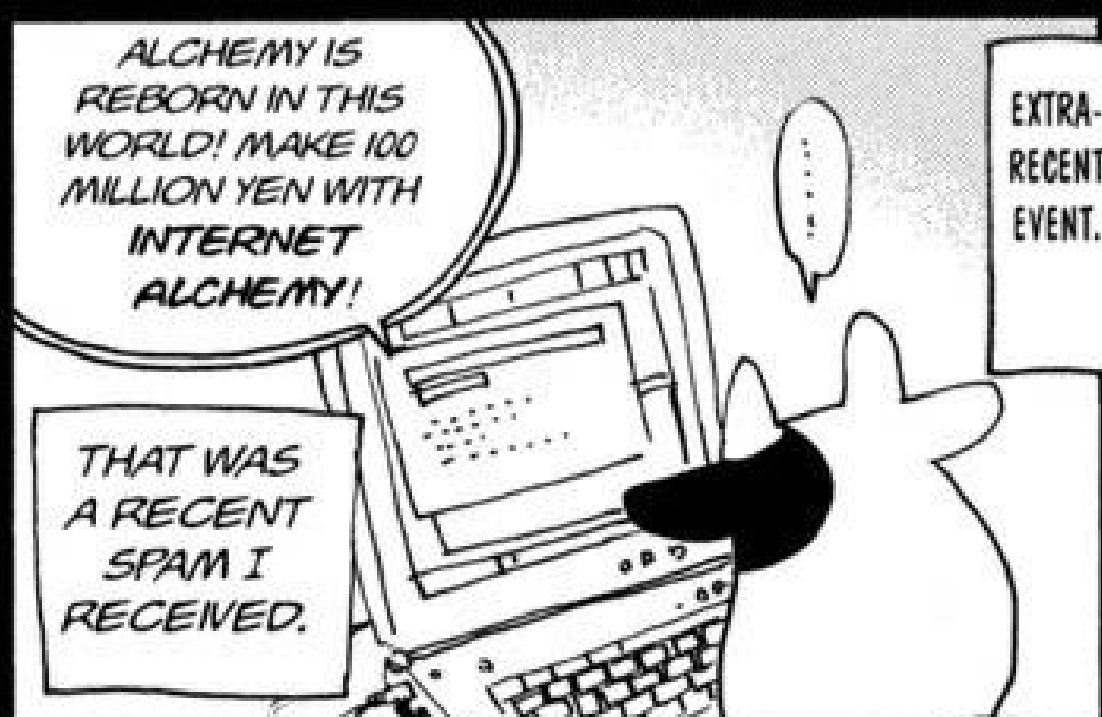


THIS
IS WHY
YOU
SHOULD
NEVER
FALL
ASLEEP
AROUND
YOUR
SO-CALLED
"FRIENDS."





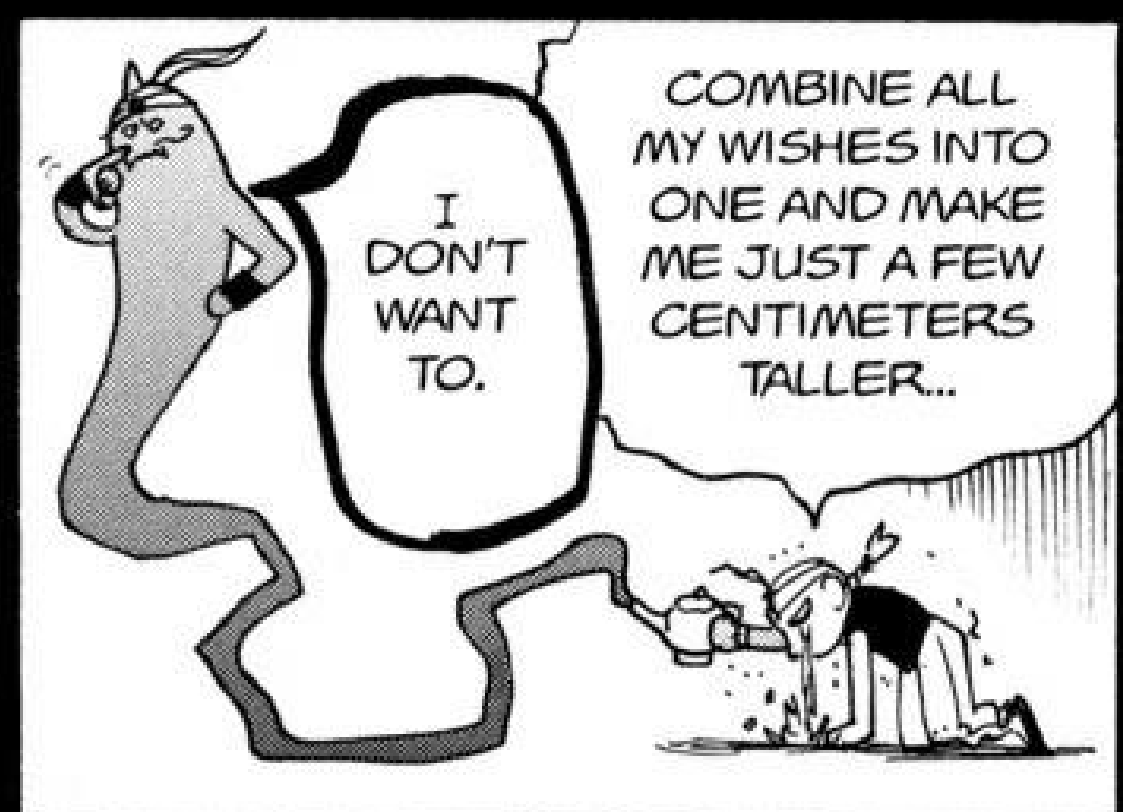




FOR YOUR EYES...



EDWARD AND THE MAGIC LAMP



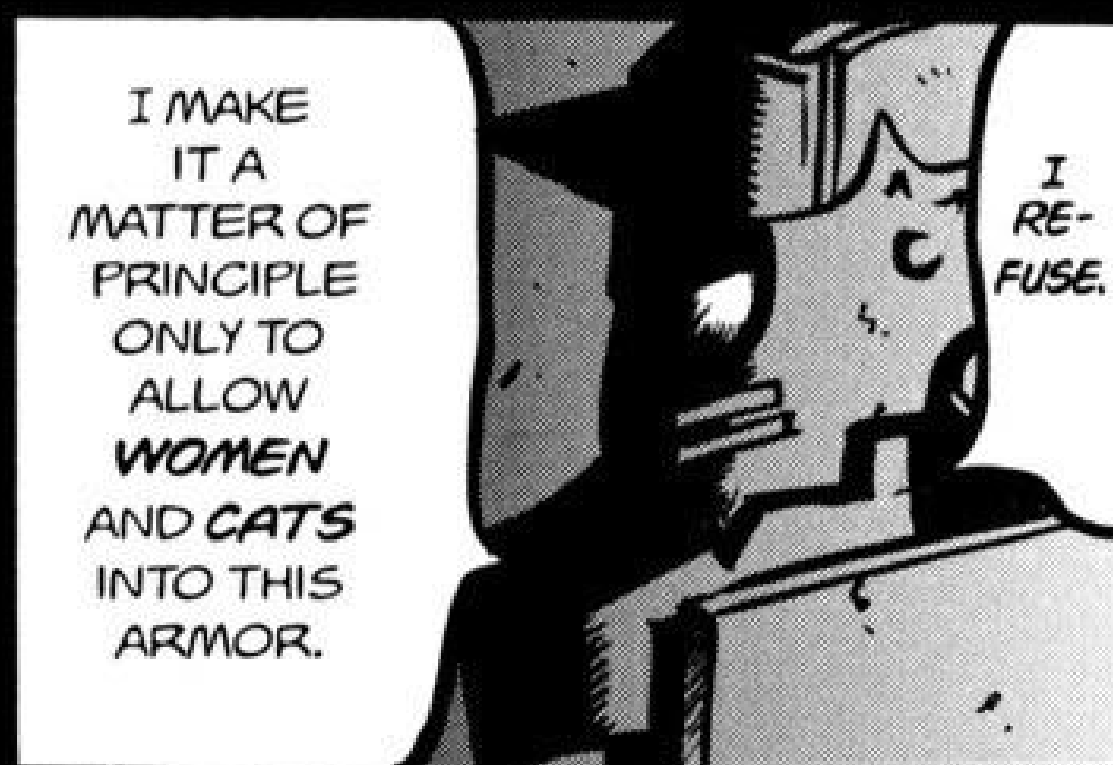
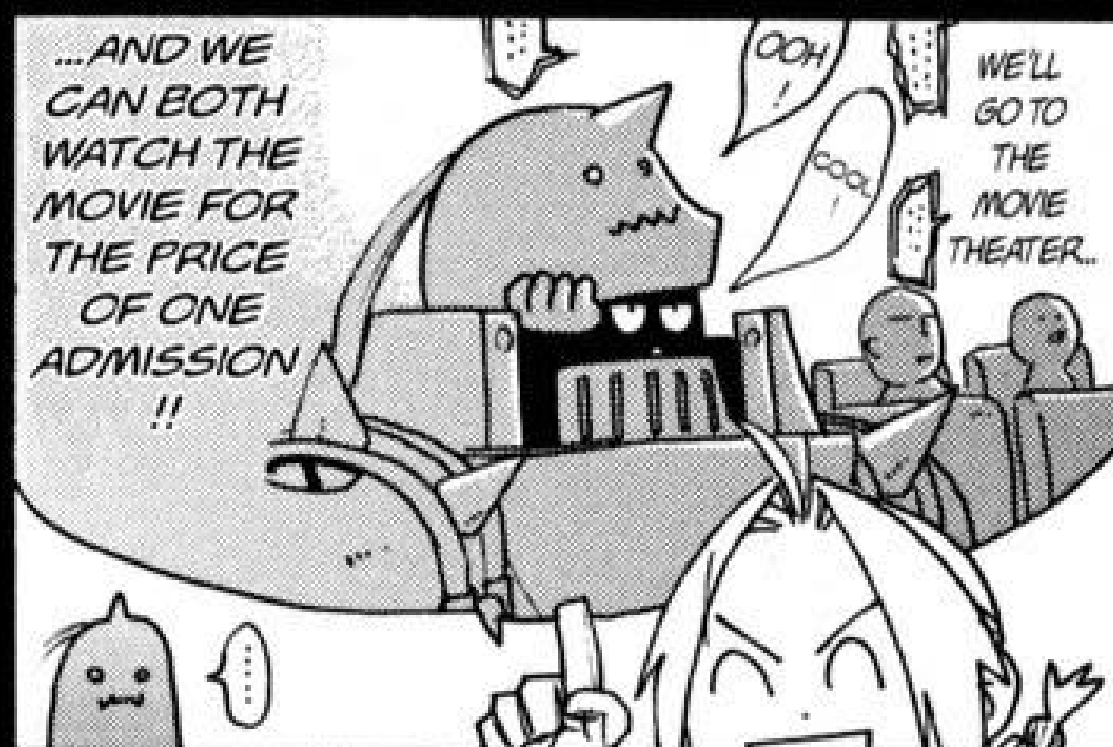
PLEASE LET ME USE YOUR RESTROOM!



OLDER BROTHER'S WISH



HARD-BOILED



ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED IF YOU WANT TO SEE MORE



FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST IS

SPECIAL THANKS to:

KEISUI TAKAEDA
SANKICHI HINODEYA
JUN TOHKO
AIYABALL
NONO
YOICHI KAMITONO
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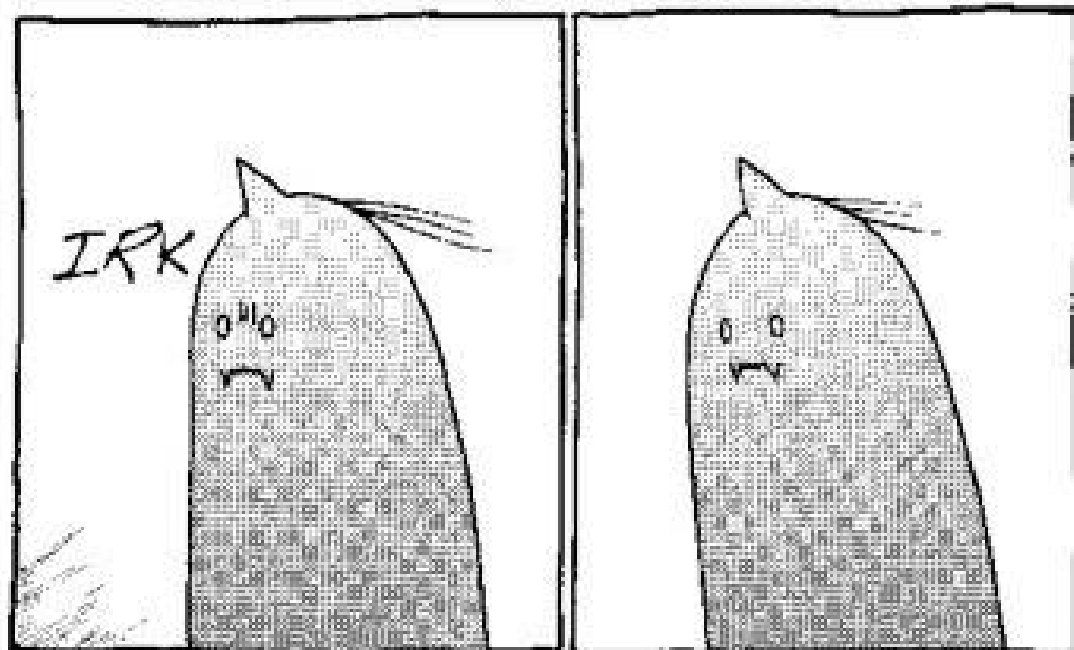


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